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CNMI SUPREME COURT RULES:

'Last election' means latest poll

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The CNMI Supreme Court issued yesterday a decision holding that the term "last election" in Article 2, Section 9 of the CNMI Constitution refers to the most recent expression of the electorate. The ruling means that former Senate president Paul A. Manglona is headed back to the Senate.

The high court addressed the certified question of who the governor must appoint following a vacancy in the Senate with less than half a term remaining because of the resignation of Juan M. Ayuyu as Rota senator.

The "last election" refers to the November 2012 election, according to the CNMI Supreme Court's nine-page opinion issued by Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and



» Ruling will put former senator Paul Manglona back in the Senate

justices pro tem Herbert D. Soll and Timothy H. Bellas.

After 25 years in the Legislature, Manglona lost his re-election bid in the Nov. 6, 2012, election to now Senate vice president Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota). Manglona received the next highest vote among candidates in that senato-

rial election.

Rep. Janet U. Maratita and Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz filed a certified question petition with the high court as to who should replace Ayuyu in the Senate. Sen. Pete P. Reyes joined Maratita as a petitioner.

Maratita and Reyes, through their

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'We're hungry, we could be homeless soon'

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"We are getting hungry after over three months without work and pay, and we could also be homeless soon. Our children might also have to stop going to school."

That was the sentiment of one of 28 employees of a large security service agency, G4S Security Systems (Guam) Inc., who were ordered to stop

» Over 3 months without work while waiting for USCIS decision on CW permit renewal

employees' CW permit renewals have yet to get USCIS approval.

"What option do we have? If it takes USCIS until Christmas or until 2014 to decide on our renew-

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Money preferred form of charity for typhoon relief

By SHARON COHEN
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Faced with heartbreaking images of the typhoon-ravaged Philippines—the sea of corpses, communities reduced to rubble, mothers clutching their hungry children—the world is watching an epic tragedy unfold and looking for ways to help. The big question is how.

In the aftermath of mega-disasters such as Typhoon Haiyan, experts say there are some basic rules for those eager to do good: Forget the rummage sale

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clothes, the old toys and the kind of supplies that will only stack up undistributed or damage an already weakened economy. Do send a cash donation to a respected charity.

"It absolutely should be money," says Kathleen Tierney, director of the Natural Hazards Center at the University

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A young boy shields himself from the rain while waiting for an evacuation flight at the airport in Tacloban, central Philippines, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013.

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Deleon Guerrero appointed new NMC faculty president

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Faculty members of the Northern Marianas College have selected a new set of leaders who will represent their voices in various issues concerning the institution.

Appointed as this year's president is Ni Deleon Guerrero, who succeeded Cyndi Deleon Guerrero to the post.

"I'm really grateful for this opportunity to serve as the Faculty Senate president. I look forward to working with all members of the faculty to continue to elevate the level of academic excellence for all of our students," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

"One of the key priorities for the faculty—as well as the whole campus—is the full reaffirmation of NMC's accreditation. We will be working alongside everyone, as a collective team, to do what it takes to maintain NMC's accredited status," she said.

NMC accreditation was placed in show-cause status due to a number of concerns that needed to be rectified. On Oct. 15, the college submitted its show-cause report to the accreditation commission outlining the efforts that have been done to

rectify all concerns. The accrediting commission later sent a visiting team to validate the report.

The Faculty Senate is a major governance body and the official representative and legislative body of the Faculty Assembly of NMC. The Faculty Senate president, like the Staff Senate president and the president of the Associated Students of NMC, sits on the college's management team.

Joining Deleon Guerrero in the new leadership are Cherrie Lovejoy, who was selected as vice president representing the School of Education.

Chosen as the group's secretary is Amanda Diaz, representing Academic Programs and Services, while new senators-at-large include Richard Waldo, Patricia Coleman, Bobbie Hunter, and Zerlyn Taimanao.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart said yesterday that she looks forward to working with Deleon Guerrero's leadership as they continue to advance the mission of the college.

"Congratulations to Ni and the other senators on their election to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate and other governance bodies play an integral role at the college," said the president.

Man gets five-month sentence for stealing cans of milk, Spam

A former employee of Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center in Garapan who stole several cans of powdered milk and other products from the store was slapped with a five-month prison term.

Arvin S. Avila, 26, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to theft as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced him to 18 months in prison, all suspended except for five months.

Avila was given credit for 24 days time served. He will start serving his sentence on Nov. 29 and is expected to be released

on March 20, 2014.

He was required to pay \$573 in restitution to Joeten Garapan to cover the costs of 17 cases of Spam he stole from the store and \$791.64 for the cost of six cases of Similac he stole. He was required to pay \$100 in court assessment fee and probation fee.

In addition, the defendant was ordered to perform 150 hours of community service.

Avila, while employed at Joeten Garapan, stole the items from the store's warehouse. Police said a surveillance camera helped the Joeten management identify Avila. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Senate looks forward to Paul Manglona's return

» Governor in US Virgin Islands for Coral Reef Task Force meeting

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Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), along with other senators, said yesterday that he looks forward to welcoming back former colleague Paul Manglona to the Senate, on the heels of yesterday's Supreme Court decision that paves the way for Manglona's appointment to fill the vacancy left by Juan Ayuyu.

"I'm happy that the court has made a decision. I look forward to working with him and I am glad that the Rota delegation will be complete once again," Torres told *Saipan Tribune*.

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) also separately said they're glad that the Supreme Court finally put to rest the issue, and that Manglona will be back at the Senate.

"I will update the senator on the status of all bills pending in the Senate, among others. I also called the senator and gave him my confidence to work with him," Yumul said.

Manglona is a former Senate president and the longest serving member of the Legislature until his defeat in the 2012 elec-

tions. He was one of the strongest critics of former governor Benigno R. Fitial, who resigned days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

The next step after the court decision would be for the governor to appoint Manglona to fill a

vacancy in the Senate.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos left Wednesday for the U.S. Virgin Islands to attend the 30th annual meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force on St. Croix, and won't be back in the CNMI until Wednesday next week.

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider, in a phone interview last night, said he has yet to see a hard copy of the court decision on the matter, although he reiterated that the administration was waiting for a court decision on a certified question before appointing a

replacement for Ayuyu.

Ayuyu, 48, resigned as a member of the 18th Senate effective Oct. 1 pending his court sentencing. Ayuyu faces 33 to 41 months in prison in connection with smuggling endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan and obstruction of justice.

The court answer to a certified question resolved the issue

whether the governor should appoint the next vote getter among Rota senatorial candidates in the 2009 or 2012 elections.

In a decision yesterday, the Supreme Court said the term "last election" in Article 2 Section 9 of the NMI Constitution refers to the most recent expression of the electorate, "in this case the November 2012 election."

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of Colorado-Boulder, a clearinghouse and research group on the social aspects and impacts of disasters around the world. “Whether it’s the U.S. or abroad, one thing that typically happens after a major disaster is people want to donate stuff. This creates enormous logistical problems ... and people receiving donations they could never conceivably use, like winter coats sent to people in the Caribbean.”

When disaster aid isn’t properly thought out, “you can end up undermining the local economy,” Tierney adds. “Once you ship building materials halfway around the world, it turns out you’ve ruined the market” for those in the area. “If you want

to see economic recovery, you don’t want to send so many supplies that you create a situation where people can’t survive in a business sense.”

The Red Cross, for instance, buys goods locally or domestically after disasters to help revive the economy, curb transportation costs and help guarantee culturally appropriate items are being used, says Jana Sweeny, the organization’s director of international communications.

Sweeny says there’s a natural tendency for people to want to help after headline-making catastrophes, but that altruism can sometimes be misguided.

She recalls in the days after Hurricane Katrina when storm survivors were evacuated to the Houston Astrodome, someone sent thousands of pounds of cheese—a shipment

far too big for any refrigerator there to hold. Another well-meaning donor dispatched a truckload filled with patent leather shoes.

“People absolutely have good intentions,” Sweeny says. “Many of us see people who’ve lost everything. They’re standing there with nothing. The instinct is that anything will help make their lives better. But that’s not always the case.”

After Hurricane Mitch devastated parts of Central America in 1998, Sweeny was working for the Red Cross in Arizona when a woman came in one day with a live pig she wanted to donate. The would-be benefactor thought it would be a good way for a farm family to start a new breed. Sweeny explained the many reasons she could not ship a live animal.

It all turned out well: The

woman auctioned off the pig and gave the proceeds to the Red Cross.

Many experts say after massive disasters such as the one in the Philippines, it’s best to contribute to humanitarian groups with a proven track record.

One reason is to avoid swindlers and scam artists who may try to appear credible by giving themselves names that sound like established charities or are connected to the disaster. “It happens every time—people see the story on the news and look to help,” says Matthew Viola, senior program analyst at Charity Navigator. “Take your time and pick out a good one.”

His nonprofit’s website, www.charitynavigator.org, evaluates nearly 7,000 charities with a zero-to-four star rating scale—only three-and-

That was after the employees wrote a letter to the G4S management, stating the difficulty they had been going through.

“Right now we are still waiting for USCIS decision,” one of them said.

One of the employees also said that around the 90th day from when USCIS received their CW renewal application, USCIS issued a request for evidence for a few of the applications.

“It took them 90 days for an RFE; that means the employees still have to wait for more weeks or months. We cannot find another job because we are supposed to be still employees of G4S. Can we get help from USCIS?” he added.

Other employees working for other companies also had to wait for several weeks, but had since gone back to work after receiving their CW permit renewals.

“We are in dire situation. Some of us don’t have power at home anymore, and if we continue to not pay our house rent, we could be kicked out of the house we’re renting,” one of them said.

The interviewed employees are from the Philippines and Bangladesh.

While they understand there are calls for donations to help the victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda in the Philippines, they said there are also individuals on Saipan who need assistance.

Employees interviewed asked *Saipan Tribune* not to publish their names for fear of retaliation from their employer, including termination.

The law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control requires an annual decrease in the CW cap until the CW program ends on Dec. 31, 2014—unless the U.S. Labor secretary decides to extend the transition period.

The CNMI government and the business sector asked for a five-year extension. Otherwise, the CNMI loses immediate access to some 12,000 skilled and professional foreign workers relied upon for the tourism-based economy at a time when U.S. worker pool is still not enough to fill the positions held by foreign workers.

four star organizations are recommended—in a variety of categories, including transparency, accountability and the amount of money spent on ac-

CNMI FUND DRIVES FOR HAIYAN RELIEF EFFORTS

UFO raises \$216.25 for Yolanda relief effort

The United Filipino Organization’s fundraising campaign for victims of Typhoon Haiyan has so far hauled in \$216.25. The amount represents collections during the Tuesday Street Market last Nov. 12 at the Garapan Fishing Base.

The fundraising campaign continued last night at the Thursday Street Market, also at the Garapan Fishing Base. UFO will also be setting up booths at the Sabalu Market and the flea market at the Marianas Business Plaza this Saturday.

Shell gas stations on island also serve as drop-off sites for those donating in-kind items.

MVN to hold garage sale for a cause

Marianas Visiting Nurses will be holding a garage sale tomorrow, Nov. 16, at its parking lot in Gualo Rai besides Grand Laundry.

Called “Garage Sale for a Cause,” the fund drive will start at from 7am. Proceeds will be given to the victims of Yolanda through ABS-CBN Foundation’s Sagip Kapamilya. They would be selling assorted items such as clothes, shoes, bags, household items, kitchenware, accessories, etc.

WPS yard sale to benefit Haiyan victims

The Whispering Palms School student council and PTA will be holding a yard sale on Dec. 1 from 8am to 11am to raise money to help the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

The school is setting a goal of

tual programs. It has a special link for donating to typhoon relief with tips, including how to ensure a contribution is designated for this disaster.

\$2,500, which will be sent with the help of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter. There will also be a bake sale with breakfast items. “We are asking the community to come out and support our cause by shopping, getting some breakfast, or just coming by to make a donation. The school is also accepting any donated items to sell between Nov. 27 and 30,” said WPS principal Rob Epley.

WPS is located on Navy Hill across from the baseball field. For more information, contact Epley at 323-7451.

Kapit Bisig Para sa Bayan garage sale on Sunday

A newly formed group that calls itself *Kapit Bisig Para sa Bayan* will be holding a garage sale this Sunday, Nov. 17, from 8am to 5pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. The fundraiser will coincide with community outreach and a medical mission.

The group is urging the community to not only donate cash but also new or slightly used items that would be sent to victims of Yolanda through LBC Mabuhay, which in turn will deliver them to the Department of Social Welfare and Development. Cash donations will be turned over to ABS-CBN Foundation’s Sagip Kapamilya.

Those who have no transportation to go to the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion can call Nemie at 888-2579; Rene at 285-1820; Yho at 989-9468; Malou at 989-6258 (text only); Irene at 989-0890; Rizza at 989-5635; or Boni at 888-2541 for pickup. (*Saipan Tribune*)

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als, then that’s how long we still have to bear this difficulty. It’s hard on us and our family. We’re asking the media to help us, to tell USCIS our problem,” the G4S employee told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Another G4S employee said he’s living off his savings since he was asked not to report for work in August while waiting for his CW permit renewal to be approved.

“My savings are almost gone. I am really hoping we will be able to get back to work soon,” he said.

‘Out of our hands’

Moses Pangelinan, G4S Security Systems branch manager on Saipan, said yesterday that the company is doing its best to help the employees.

“We’re trying our best to assist them. But unfortunately, it’s out of our hands,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

G4S has been strictly following federal rule not to allow those whose CW permit renewal applications are still under process to continue working.

Another employee said some of them have resorted to part-time, underground jobs just to earn something to feed them and their families.

“They have no choice. But for me, I am still using my savings to survive. If this continues for a few more months, I might just go home,” he said.

USCIS response

Marie Thérèse Sebrechts, USCIS deputy press secretary, said last night that “the law does not authorize CW-1 beneficiaries applying for an extension to continue working beyond the expiration date of their current CW-1 status.”

“U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services encourages employers who have filed an application for extension but not received a response to contact the California Service Center via email when there are only 30 days left on the current authorization,” she said, when sought for comment.

Sebrechts said that although

employers cannot file an extension request for an employee in CW status more than six months in advance of the expiration date of the employee’s current status, “employers should file as soon as they can within that time frame to prevent gaps in employment authorization.”

This also reflects USCIS director Alejandro Mayorkas’ March 2013 response to three major employer groups in the CNMI that asked USCIS to allow foreign workers to continue working while their CW permit renewals remain pending to stem the “economic harm” caused by non-renewal of CW permits past the expiration.

Mayorkas had said that CW beneficiaries do not have continuing employment authorization during the pendency of an extension of stay petition.

He, however, assured the Society for Human Resource Management-CNMI Chapter, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands that USCIS is processing extension petitions in a timely manner to prevent delays that will cause a lapse in employment for CW beneficiaries.

Early submission

USCIS, an agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that handles immigration benefits, continues to urge employers to file extension petitions at least 90 days before the expiration of CW-1 status.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), meanwhile, said employers should heed USCIS’ call to submit petitions for CW permit renewals “at least 90 days” before expiration.

In the case of G4S, employees interviewed yesterday said that as early as May, they turned in to their employer the documents required in support of the renewal of their CW permits that were expiring in August.

“As employees, we know we were able to submit the documents required from us to our employer, in May,” another employee said.

The Saipan branch of G4S still had to forward the application packets to its main office in Guam, one of the employees said.

He said the employees found

out later that USCIS in California was able to receive the application for renewal on Aug. 5, a day before the Aug. 6 expiration of at least 14 of 28 employees affected, for example.

“We don’t know the reason why our application was sent close to the expiration of our CW permits. But even if the application was received only in early August, that still means USCIS is not done with the processing more than three months now,” the employee said.

G4S’s Pangelinan declined to comment further on the matter.

‘Inhumane, punitive’

Wendy Doromal, a Florida-based human rights activist and former CNMI teacher, described it as an “inhumane” and “punitive” policy that nonresident workers under the CW program can remain in the CNMI, but cannot work after their original CW-1 permit expires until the time that the renewal permit is in their hands.

“The nonresident workers have no control over the renewal process. It is their employers who must complete and submit the petition for a CNMI-only nonimmigrant transitional worker, pay an application fee of \$325, and pay a CNMI education funding fee of \$150. Then they have to wait 90 or more days for approval,” Doromal said.

USCIS approved 10,491 or 84 percent of the 12,439 foreign workers petitioned for initial permit from Oct. 7, 2011 through Sept. 17, 2013.

A total of 1,281 or 10 percent of the petitioned workers were denied.

The rest or 667 have yet to be decided on as of Sept. 17.

DHS announced a limit of 14,000 non-immigrants under the CW program for fiscal year 2014 starting on Oct. 1.

\$200 advance

G4S employees interviewed yesterday said the G4S management gave them an advance salary of \$200 each in October, to help with their basic needs such as food and housing. The amount would be deducted from the salary once they are approved to go back to work once again.

CUC refuses new loan offer from Independence Bank

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is declining at this time in the new loan being offered by the Rhode Island-based Independence Bank to the cash-strapped utilities firm.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher pointed at the inability of the agency to fulfill any repayment obligation if it takes on the loan.

"CUC has communicated with the bank [Independence Bank] and we appreciate their offer to help. [But] loans are just one of the options we are pursuing to raise funds to meet the federal orders for the pipeline project. As previously mentioned, collateral and the ability to repay a loan are major considerations for a lender and CUC," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Before a loan is made, Fletcher said that CUC must be certain it has the ability to make payments. Currently, CUC doesn't have that confidence, he said, as it doesn't even recover its operating costs in rates, besides having still millions in outstanding

utility billings.

The Independence Bank offered CUC a new \$2 million to \$10 million loan that the agency can use to complete some of the projects mandated by a federal court order. The new loan offer was renewed by the bank despite incurring \$375,000 losses in time and legal fees in the first \$10 million loan proposal that did not succeed last year, believed to be caused by the then approval of the \$190.8 million power purchase deal with SDLLC.

Early this month, CUC filed an emergency rate hike petition with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, seeking funding for the completion of a pipeline project that remains short of \$1.8 million. This project is a requirement of the federal consent decree.

Based on the Oct. 23, 2013, order by Judge David Carter, it stipulates that it is imperative that the construction, commissioning, and operation phases of the pipeline project move forward without further delay.

The court orders performance dates regarding the CUC diesel pipeline construc-

tion which indicated that complete demolition of the old pipeline, project certification, and project closeout be on or before Aug. 30, 2014.

The court first issued the

stipulated order on March 12, 2009, requiring CUC to, among other things, repair or replace CUC's existing diesel oil transportation pipeline. Since then, the court has ac-

commodated repeated delays.

In February 2010, a joint stipulation was entered that required CUC to complete construction of the pipeline by February 2011. This dead-

line was then pushed back to March 2012 and then delayed anew to September 2012. Last July, CUC completed the design for the pipeline but has not yet to begin installation.

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Major breakthrough in LIHEAP funding for NMI

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan received word yesterday that years of effort to increase the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance grant for the Northern Mariana Islands have paid off. The Department of Health and Human Services informed Sablan that Secretary Kathleen Sebelius had decided to provide the maximum amount permitted by law for the CNMI and the other U.S. territories, almost four times more than they have been receiving since 1981. The change goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2014, and will continue indefinitely.

Last week, Sablan announced that the department was releasing \$50,000 in LIHEAP funding

to the Northern Marianas for the current fiscal year. But at the same time the department informed him that it was nearing completion of its analysis of the longstanding request by Sablan and other territorial representatives to raise the grant to the maximum the law allows.

"We knew that the Secretary would be deciding whether to keep us at 0.135 percent of total national funding or give us the maximum of 0.5 percent," Sablan said. "And we knew electricity rates and fuel costs in our islands made a strong argument for her to increase the grant."

"Today we found out that those arguments were convincing. I am very grateful to Secretary Sebelius and everyone on her staff,

who took a long, hard look at the cost of energy in the Northern Mariana Islands and agreed to help our poorest families."

LIHEAP grants can be used to pay for electricity, make home improvements that save energy, and, in a crisis, prevent service interruptions. As many as 300 families in the Northern Marianas have in recent years received up to \$58 in monthly assistance from the federal program.

The number of NMI families who are eligible and the monthly aid amount can significantly increase now.

Years of effort, persistence rewarded

Sablan identified LIHEAP funding as an opportunity to

improve funding for the Northern Mariana Islands early in his congressional career. Year after year he has been among members of Congress active in defending the national program, which has been a favorite target of budget cutters.

At the same time, Sablan has worked to find ways to increase the specific grant to the CNMI. In 2011 he wrote legislation, H.R. 3083, requiring the HHS Secretary to allocate at least 30 percent of national home energy grants, called Leveraging Incentive Grants, to the U.S. territories to supplement the LIHEAP grant. Sablan's bill gathered nine co-sponsors.

Later that year, Sablan wrote the formal petition to



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Sebelius, signed by all the territorial representatives, laying out the case for her to allocate the full 0.5 percent of LIHEAP funding permitted by law. The insular areas have electricity costs as much as four times

higher than the U.S. average, the representatives argued, and the need for home cooling year-round; yet the Secretary was only granting the islands a bare minimum, 0.135 percent, of what the law allowed.

Sablan also called for a revision of the allocations among the territories based on income and population data in the 2010 Census, when it became available.

Sebelius replied in February 2012 that "HHS staff are currently working on identifying the information required to assess whether the needs of the territories are being appropriately addressed in the allocation of LIHEAP funding."

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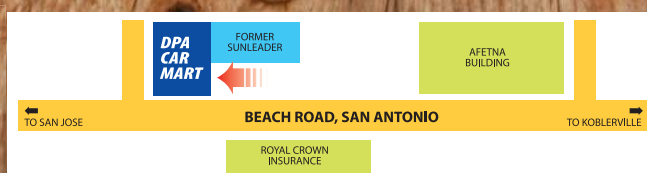
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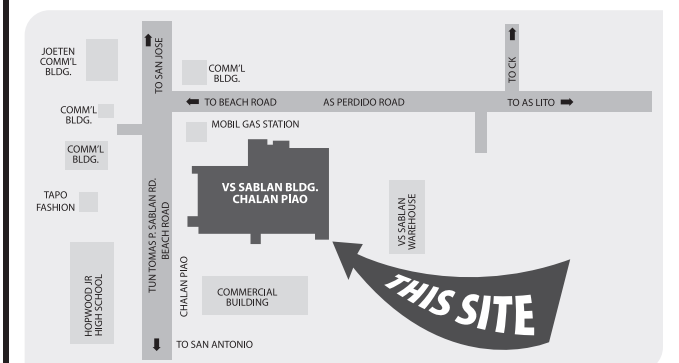
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When the department had still not completed its promised analysis this year, Sablan and his territorial colleagues again wrote to Sebelius. They pointed out the long delay, asked for a date to expect completion of the work, and noted that 2010 Census data had been released showing that poverty levels in the islands were three to five times the national average. They also provided the department with updated retail electrical prices for each of the territories.

This new data may have been what the department needed. In describing the methodology used to make yesterday's decision, department officials explained that "to determine whether it would be appropriate to increase the share of LIHEAP funds for territories, HHS compared state LIHHEE [low-income households' home energy expenditures] to an estimated territory LIHHEE using the most current and accurate data available.

"The data indicates that the territories currently receive significantly less funding relative to need than states."

The department, therefore, concluded it would "increase the territorial set-aside percentage up to the statutory cap of 0.5 percent."

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Territorial cooperation

Sablan also thanked his fellow territorial representatives for the joint effort. "Because the law treats the territories as a unit for LIHEAP, we had to approach Secretary Sebelius as a united group," Sablan said.


"We had to gather the necessary data from our individual jurisdictions, verify it, and compile it to show the complete picture of income levels and energy costs for the territories as a whole. That required teamwork, and teamwork produced

results that benefit people in all of the areas we represent. We may not have a vote on the House floor, but that doesn't stop us from being effective advocates for our people."

Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi


made a similar point in his announcement of the HHS decision to increase LIHEAP for Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Marianas. He thanked "his fellow territory delegates for their joint

efforts, especially Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan from the Northern Mariana Islands, who was instrumental in convincing HHS to increase the annual allocation to the territories." (*Office of the Delegate*)



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Man gets 3-month term for baseball attack

Former Division of Sports and Recreation deputy director John B. Reyes Jr. was slapped with a three-month prison term for shattering the driver's side window of a car and assaulting the driver.

Reyes, 35, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to three charges—assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace—as part of a plea deal. The remaining charge of assault with a dangerous weapon was dropped.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Reyes to two and a half years, all suspended except for three months, to be served day for day without the possibility of parole.

Reyes was allowed to start serving his jail term on Jan. 6,

2014, at 9am.

After completing his sentence, Reyes will be placed on supervised probation for two years and three months. He was ordered to pay restitution to the victim, Derek Reyes, in an amount to be determined by the Office of Adult Probation.

John and Derek Reyes are related.

The defendant was required to write a letter of apology to Derek Reyes and his girlfriend, who are parents of the three children who were inside the car when the attack happened. He was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$60 court costs, and \$250 probation fees.

The defendant was also

required to complete anger management counseling, a parenting class, and drug and alcohol treatment while in custody.

During the period of his probation, the defendant is prohibited from buying, possessing, or consuming alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, John Reyes approached Derek Reyes' vehicle on Sept. 2, 2012, and smashed its windows with a baseball bat, causing glass to shatter into the car where Derek's children were seated.

The defendant then grabbed Derek Reyes. The defendant's

actions disturbed the peace of Derek Reyes and his three children, the plea deal said.

Police said Derek Reyes sustained a small cut on his neck. Police believe that the possible reason for the attack was a love triangle.

Derek Reyes told police that he, his girlfriend, and their children were heading north on Beach Road when they stopped at a red light. The defendant walked in front of the victim's car and swung an aluminum baseball bat, shattering the glass.

As the two struggled in the driver's seat of the car, Sgt. Arnold Seman, who was heading north, saw the commotion, stopped the fight, and arrested the defendant. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 15, 2005

Japanese arrivals dip sharply

The impact of Japan Airlines' pullout from the CNMI last month easily showed on the monthly tally of visitors, with Japanese arrivals dropping 21 percent in October compared with the same month in 2004, statistics from the Marianas Visitors Authority showed. The pullout, the agency said, contributed to a 23-percent decline in airline seats from the Japan market. JAL, which provided direct flights to the CNMI for 28 years out of Tokyo and Osaka, terminated its flights last Oct. 4. A few special direct flights, however, were held throughout the month of October.

'PSS programs to suffer if new budget fails'

Cutting down on its educational programs will be one of the sacrifices the Public School System may have to implement if it fails to get its \$50 million budget for 2005-2006 passed, according to acting Commissioner of Education David M. Borja. Borja said that PSS would still get at least \$37.2 million in local funding under the continuing resolution but, with that kind of money, it would have no other choice but to sacrifice some programs. He said programs like the Reading Resources, which helps students read better and more effectively, would suffer from the lack of funds. The program is in line with PSS' goal to raise the reading level of CNMI students to their grade levels by 2008.

November 15, 2006

PTI cable set on fire

An unidentified person or persons burned a telephone equipment of Pacific Telecom Inc. in Koblerville on Monday, causing a one-day phone outage in the area. Kathryn Barry, PTI regional marketing manager, disclosed to Saipan Tribune yesterday that the phone outage affected the Koblerville Elementary School, Coral Ocean Point, businesses and some residential houses in Koblerville. Barry said they received a call about the burned telephone cable link—called a pedestal—Monday morning, but they assumed it happened Sunday night. Barry said the copper wires in the pedestal were not stolen.

FCC approves DoCoMo deal

The Federal Communications Commission has approved Japan's NTT DoCoMo's application to buy Guam Cellular and Paging Inc. and Guam Wireless Telephone Co. LLC. The deal was struck on March 20, 2006, for \$71.8 million. In a statement issued yesterday, Guam Cellular and Saipan Cellular said that DoCoMo got the FCC approval on Monday.

November 15, 2007

Matson revises planned Dec. hike

CNMI consumers expecting price increases next month are in for an even bigger sticker shock, after Matson Navigation Co. revised its planned fuel surcharge increase by 5 percentage points, rather than the 2 percentage points it earlier announced. Effective Dec. 14, the fuel surcharge on ocean shipments to Hawaii, Guam and Micronesia will go from 24 to 29 percent, Matson announced Tuesday. Matson had announced some three weeks ago it would raise the fuel surcharge by just 2 percentage points, from 24 to 26 percent. The Oakland-based company had also planned to implement the change on Dec. 2.

Four groups share \$600K Tan Holdings donation

Tan Holdings Corp. chair Dr. Tan Siu Lin gave away four checks totaling \$600,000 Tuesday, with majority of the funds going to educational institutions to signal his strong support for expanding educational opportunities in the CNMI. The donations were also in celebration of his company's 35 years of doing business in the Micronesia and 25 years in the CNMI. In a presentation held Tuesday night at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall, Tan donated \$100,000 to the Northern Marianas College to establish the Tan Siu Lin educational scholarship.

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EDITORIAL

A vote for workplace equality

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Monday, Nov. 11:

In 1996, by a 50-49 vote, the U.S. Senate defeated a bill outlawing job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Last week, in a step that dramatized how much attitudes have changed in recent years, the Senate approved a similar bill by a vote of 64-32, with 10 Republicans joining the majority.

It's about time the Senate got around to approving this. Since 1964, federal civil rights law has forbidden employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. But gays and lesbians have no protection, except in the states and cities that have passed laws including them. In the rest of the country, an exemplary worker may be punished or fired merely for coming out of the closet.

The Senate is actually lagging the American people on this issue. In 1993, a Gallup poll found that 80 percent thought gays and lesbians were entitled "equal rights in terms of job opportunities." The last time Gallup asked, the figure was up to 89 percent.

Most people, in fact, think it's already against the law to fire someone on the basis of sexual orientation. That's probably because Americans generally regard such discrimination as grossly unfair and unwarranted, and find it hard to imagine that the law would not treat it as so.

The case for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, is self-evident. Sexual orientation and gender identity have no more relevance to one's ability to perform on the job than skin color or religion. If a company can't reject an applicant for being a fundamentalist Christian, a Latino or a woman, it's hard to see why it should be entitled to indulge a prejudice against gays, lesbians or trans-genders.

One striking fact about ENDA is that none of the senators who voted against the bill spoke on the floor in favor of blessing discrimination against this particular group. As William Saletan noted in Slate, "Only one senator spoke against the bill, and only about religious exemptions."

Opposing it on that basis doesn't make much sense either. The measure contains a broad exemption for religious organizations. No church or parochial school would have to employ someone who is gay or lesbian.

Despite public support, the fate of this bill is uncertain, since Republican House Speaker John Boehner opposes it and may refuse to allow it to come to a vote—even though it might pass. President Barack Obama said after the Senate vote that "one party in one house of Congress should not stand in the way of millions of Americans who want to go to work each day and simply be judged by the job they do."

He's right. For a long time, gays and lesbians have been victims of a great injustice in the American workplace. The House owes them at least a vote.

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Create a sustainable future for CNMI's energy needs

By MINA H. YU
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The CNMI meets nearly all of its energy needs through importing petroleum products, a dependence that is undesirable politically, financially, and environmentally. Oil imports typically come from countries the U.S. State Department has deemed "dangerous or unstable," which means we are financing unfriendly regimes. Furthermore, diesel-fueled electric power plants like CUC's have high maintenance and operating costs, and the U.S. Energy Information Administration reports that fuel surcharges on electricity in the CNMI have ranged from \$0.24 to \$0.48/kWh in recent years. Environmentally, these plants and petroleum products rely on non-renewable sources and are high contributors to carbon dioxide and other harmful emissions.

For islands with access to abundant renewable sources for solar, wind, and geothermal energy, the CNMI's dependence on petroleum imports seems incongruous, and the problematic nature of this dependence has not been lost on our political leaders. In 2007, our Legislature passed Public Law 15-87, requiring 40 percent of net electricity sales to be from renewable sources by Dec. 31, 2012, and 80 percent by Dec. 31, 2014. Additionally, the Governor's Office established the CNMI's Energy Task Force in 2012. In 2013, the Task Force issued the CNMI Strategic Energy Plan, which included recommendations for further research to screen potential solar and wind farm locations, conduct feasibility studies on geothermal and waste-to-energy initiatives, and evaluate biodiesel feedstock production or procurement. Thus we see that the CNMI has been taking steps to address its energy problem; however, the 40 percent goal set forth by P.L. 15-87, still in effect today, was not met in 2012. Moreover, with further research still being recommended by the Task Force, we need to reassess what actions have been taken so far and determine where to go from here. Below are several suggestions.

Our legislators should amend P.L. 15-87 to reflect a more realistic renewable portfolio standard and accompanying timeline. While the goals of the law are commendable, it is not conceivable that we will meet the 80 percent goal in 13 months. Additionally, the majority of American states have renewable fuel standards of 20 percent by 2020. Amending P.L. 15-87 allows

the CNMI to work toward attainable goals and also allows the public to hold our leaders accountable.

The public can urge our leaders to keep CUC's renewable energy integration study on track, as prompt issuance of the study will be in the CNMI's best interest. There are currently a few major renewable energy contracts under public scrutiny, but Gov Eloy Inos stated recently that the Legislature is awaiting CUC's issuance of the long-awaited integration study, which will allow for formal proposals of renewable energy plans. Governor Inos has stated that the report is nearing its completion, and local papers report that investors are essentially knocking at the CNMI's door with unsolicited proposals.

Finally, while political pressures are needed, successfully addressing the CNMI's petroleum import dependence will also require changes made at the individual and household levels. Air conditioning is a major source of the CNMI's energy use, and the Strategic Energy Plan made recommendations of seeking out alternative cooling methods such as solar-powered air conditioning units and ceiling fans. Furthermore, installing a cool roof can help regulate indoor temperatures. The Department of Public Works offers a Residential Cool Roof Rebate Program to assist homeowners in this endeavor. An Energy Star Rebate Program also assists homeowners to replace inefficient appliances with Energy Star-rated appliances. There are other simple changes we can make to reduce our energy consumption, such as switching to energy-efficient bulbs, driving less and carpooling, air drying laundry, and unplugging or shutting off power strips to which TVs, computers, and other similar devices are connected while not in use.

We are all familiar with the economic impacts of our dependency on fuel imports through gas prices and CUC bills, but the environmental impacts may not be as easily discerned. Carbon dioxide and other harmful emissions seem like abstract concepts, but the impacts of these on the CNMI's environment can be seen in sea level rise, marine ecosystem degradation, ocean acidification and coral bleaching, and changes in tropical storms. The CNMI needs to develop a future that is economically and environmentally sustainable, and increasing the use of and support for localized renewable fuel sources is a major step forward in creating this future.

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Five things about used cars

First, the bad news: I didn't hit the lotto this year. Therefore, delivery of the new M-class Mercedes I deserve has been thwarted by the wiles of Lady Luck. As for the good news, I've finally pulled together some notes on how to find a good used car. I've found some good buys in my time, and I've finally realized that being prepared is the best way to hit the jackpot.

This preparation has come in two steps: I've scribed a written checklist for buying a car, and I've assembled a handy little tool kit for making pre-purchase inspections. Yeah, I was bored when I did this, so it soaked up an otherwise idle weekend.

I'm not claiming to be an expert here. I'm not an expert. But I like cars and I have found that having some method is better than having no method at all.

Here's my big concept, and Saipan's thin market emphasizes the fact: You don't want to be in a position where you have to buy a car "right now." The used market is incredibly imperfect, so we're either on top of it, or under it.

Today, I'm going to take a general look at this gig. Lots of this stuff deserves more detailed attention, so I'm trying to organize things along those lines for future screeds.

Anyway, the first chunk of my checklist itemizes my humble little car-evaluation tool bag. Here it is: (1) A bright LED flashlight, (2) a cigar-lighter voltage checker, (3) an amateur-grade diagnostic computer code reader, (4) an air conditioning duct thermometer, and (5) a rag. This is probably self-explanatory, but maybe I'll flesh in some explanation in the future.

Here's how my list organizes the process:

1). Seller conversation

The first thing I want to know is whether the seller is a liar. And

the first thing I ask is if the vehicle has any history of accidents, damage, or re-painting. Like a good lawyer or a savvy cop, I often know the answer before I ask the question.

During this conversation I am totally focused on the seller. I'm not talking over-the-shoulder as I look over the car. I'm not inspecting the car yet. I'm inspecting the seller.

If I sense anything hinky, I just politely go away. After all, I don't need the car. Therefore, I can choose who I deal with. That's the whole idea here, remember?

2). The car inspection

Most of my list is an item-by-item checklist for the actual mechanical inspection.

I'll spare you the details since I'm taking a general swipe at things today, but in the future I may share a few items that are easy to forget but which I've found to be really important.

One such item saved me from making a big mistake today, which is what inspired this article. But, for now, the point is that any method is better than no method.

As I look over a car, I have learned to write down any discrepancies instead of trying to remember them. Even a really nice car might have a dozen items worth noting. The time to ponder the importance of the items is later on, after the inspection is done. Also, I found that having written notes makes things easier when negotiating with the seller since it puts things on a more objective basis.

3). Documents

As a small and isolated market, Saipan is subject to its own dynamics. But if you're moving stateside, and many people do, then you'll want to note a few resources. CarFax.com offers written reports that can uncover issues in a vehicle history (e.g. accidents);

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this isn't perfect or ironclad, but it is useful. And Edmunds.com offers free data on market prices.

4). Professional inspection

I know good mechanics who charge under \$100 for a basic inspection, so it's a good deal.

5). Final negotiation

I don't know why people worry about this so much. From my experience, if I've done my homework, if I'm dealing with a seller who is sane, reasonable, and not sleazy, and if I've noted, in writing, the items that determine the vehicle's condition (as mentioned above), then the price seems to be easy to agree on. Then again, I'm not a haggler, a low-ball tosser, or a hard negotiator.

The sellers I've dealt with were the types of people who took very good care of their cars. They were not out to spend hours upon hours entertaining random strangers just to try to milk every last dime out of the sale.

By contrast, the bottom-feeders are part of a different ecosystem, and I have no desire to be part of that swamp, either as a buyer or a seller.

As Guahan addresses status

It is perfectly within the rights of the indigenous people of Guahan to insist that the disposition of any negotiated political relationship with Uncle Sam be limited to the permanent host of the island.

The issue boils down to the future of the indigenous people and shouldn't be derailed by arguments pertaining to the rights of citizens. In fact, Uncles Sam and Carlos (Spain) definitely owe the indigenous Chamorros an official apology for the treatment of historic condescension when they engaged in the sale of the island and people of Guahan.

Does it take a journey into historical rectitude to discern the obvious indignity rendered the Chamorros in Guam? But it was done for purposes of military acquisition at the expense of the indigenous people, wasn't it? Their fate never mattered insofar as the military industrial complex is concerned. It did it in Hawaii and elsewhere in the Pacific, including complete fortification of Saipan after the war.

The pace of these acquisitions never leaves room for the indigenous people to engage in harmonious and deliberative discussions to map out their future as islanders or permanent host. Military acquisition was a wholesale condemnation of indigenous culture, riddled with persistent derogatory denigration of our foundational tradition that makes us unique as a people.

I liken it to the permanent, though failed, silencing of the lamb that came roaring back in the powerful and indefatigable spirit of

the indigenous people today! Is it egregiously wrong to extol the virtues of the indigenous people who are equally a permanent part of the human race? Are we supposed to be simple cogs supporting the role of the military that hardly assimilates into the indigenous community?

Cultural derailment simply annihilated a way of life into the dawn of military rule. It robbed the people of the opportunity to live within established tradition "gradually developed over centuries that allows for an inborn sense of their ancestry, religion, social customs, language, literature, music, etc." It's core values established and passed on becoming a way of life that is both "virtuous and enduring."

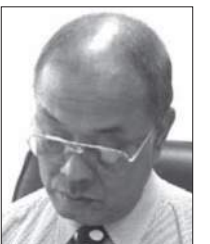
The military's intrusive command and control only played into the Achilles heel of submission pounded against the indigenous people since the Spanish era, further robbing the islanders of what's rightfully theirs. It created a huge ocean of emptiness that was never filled by the indigenous people in that they were corralled into further submission. This is the void that needs to be resolved full square.

In the words of a professor of Pacific Studies, University of Hawaii, "In all of us there is a hunger marrow deeply rooted searching for who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most

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disquieting loneliness."

For now, the least that non-indigenous U.S. citizens could do is step aside out of common decency and respect for the permanent hosts of Guahan by granting their unalienable rights to self-determination. After all, they've never displaced others in the global village anywhere.

Pathway bill derailed

It's good to know the Ogumuro resolution has sought "elimination" of Kilili's pathway measure. It is met perfectly by a decision of the U.S. House of Representatives to shelve any Senate immigration bill until next year, according to a *Washington Times* story yesterday morning. It means Kilili's pathway measure stands a fat chance of

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Why Hawaii and the Pacific Basin need a Farm Bill now

By DIANE L. LEY and CHRIS J. KANAZAWA

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This fall, Congress has an important opportunity to create jobs and grow the economy by passing a long-term, comprehensive Food, Farm and Jobs Bill. The Farm Bill impacts every American, every day by providing a wide range of programs that strengthen our nation.

The Farm Bill is crucial to maintaining a strong agriculture sector and an abundant food supply that benefits all Americans. Over the past two years, producers have faced a multitude of disasters, including long-term drought and severe storms. These events demonstrate how important the safety net is to keeping producers going strong. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, the Farm Service Agency was able to provide \$14 million in disaster assistance throughout Hawaii and the Pacific Basin using Farm Bill programs.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would provide a strong crop insurance program, reauthorize the now-expired disaster assistance programs, and provide retroactive assistance for livestock producers. By reforming the safety net to eliminate the direct payment program—which pays producers with eligible crops whether or not they are in need of assistance—the Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would

also save billions of dollars in the next decade.

In addition, it would allow USDA to continue export promotion efforts that have led to the best five-year period in agricultural trade in American history, and provide FSA with the tools to extend additional farm credit in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.

The Farm Bill is also a job creation bill that would empower USDA to partner with rural communities to grow, expand and support new businesses.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would help businesses grow and hire more employees, strengthen infrastructure in our small towns and provide new opportunities in biobased product manufacturing and renewable energy. For example, since 2009, USDA Rural Development has provided over \$1.8 billion in financial assistance to rural communities in Hawaii, the Western Pacific, and American Samoa. As a result, our communities have benefited from affordable housing, safe and sanitary water and wastewater infrastructure, technical assistance to farmers, ranchers and businesses, and health, education, and public services facilities. This and many other efforts could continue with a new Farm Bill.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would make important investments in nutrition programs that provide critical assistance to vulnerable Americans, including children, seniors, people with disabili-

ties who are unable to work, and returning veterans. It would enable USDA to continue our work with more than 500,000 producers and landowners to conserve the soil and water. It would undertake new strategies to improve agricultural research, and it would ensure a safe food supply.

All of these efforts strengthen our nation. A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would continue the job growth we have seen in recent years and help grow the rural economy. That is why President Obama has identified passage of a new Farm Bill as one of his top three legislative priorities this fall.






This is a prime opportunity to give America's farmers, ranchers and producers the certainty they need about the next five years of U.S. farm policy, while investing in the rural communities that stand at the heart of our values. The Farm Bill has stood as a model of bipartisan consensus for decades and it is high time that both Democrats and Republicans come to a compromise on this new Farm Bill. It is our hope that Senate and House conferees will reach a consensus quickly and move a Farm Bill forward as soon as possible.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲86 ▼73
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲87 ▼76
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲88 ▼75
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲88 ▼75
Majuro	Cloudy	▲83 ▼74

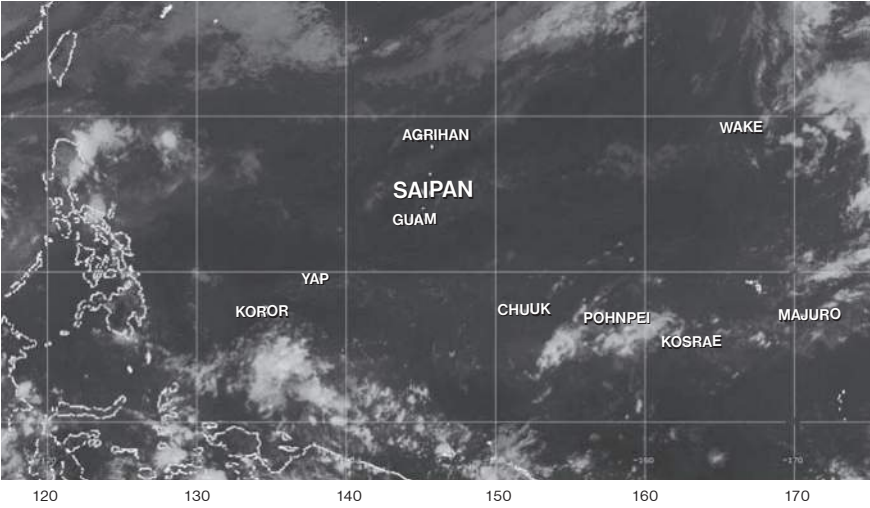
Around The Globe

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Beijing	Sunny	▲59 ▼36
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼70
Honolulu	Showers	▲82 ▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲48 ▼37
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲81 ▼55
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲87 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼47
Miami	Windy	▲78 ▼71
New York	Sunny	▲51 ▼34
Osaka	Rain	▲61 ▼51
Paris	Showers	▲48 ▼36
Pusan	Sunny	▲64 ▼47
Rome	Showers	▲60 ▼54
Salem	Showers	▲51 ▼41
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲55 ▼38
Tokyo	Rain	▲59 ▼47
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲55 ▼35

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:00 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	
6:24 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
11:56 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet	
5:33 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak cold front curves southwest from east of Minami Tori Shima at 25N160E to 24N154E, then continues west-southwestward as a shear line to 22N130E. Patchy cloudiness and showers are found along this boundary and northward to beyond 25N. A surface trough extends north from EQ136E to 5N136E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present south of Koror and Yap, south of a line from 5N133E to 5N140E to EQN145E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between Pohnpei and Kosrae within an area bounded by a line from 8N163E to 3N159E to 5N152E back to 8N163E. An upper-level low is centered east of wake island at 19N171E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen east of wake island within 220 miles either side of a line from 22N168E to 22N176E to 12N176E. A surface trough extends northward from near Majuro at 6N171E to 21N172E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present across the Marshall Islands within 200 miles of a line from 11N172E to 5N171E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:00 PM	3:57 AM
Saturday	4:44 PM	4:50 AM
Sunday	5:30 PM	5:42 AM
Monday	6:17 PM	6:34 AM
Tuesday	7:05 PM	7:25 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
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Polling: The voice of the people

Now that all the subjective hype, hysteria, and tunnel vision have dissipated from the election process of getting rid of the former governor, I am hopeful that readers will be more likely to be objective and digest the importance of having a polling system as polls project the true voice of the people. I tried to warn voters to be careful as getting rid of the governor was only one part of the equation for us to move forward. At the same time, I do understand how and why so many were caught up in the rapture to get rid of the governor and only a couple of thousand saw through the smoke created by the impeachment fire.

But the recent conflict over the "one voice of the people" is clear and empirical evidence that we need a polling system. In all fairness to the governor and our delegate, they could

be right about how the majority of people feel on the long-term plan for U.S. citizenship but in reality we know they are guessing. Kilili swore in his debate with Dr. Demapan that he didn't need a polling system because he talks to the people and businesses. Well, it is obvious he didn't talk to every citizen. I fully realize he is trying to help the business sector to maintain an affordable workforce but, at the same time, he must be cognizant to protect the future political sovereignty of the local people in doing so, which is why people are upset with him and now the governor. FYI, governor and delegate, the CNMI is not a dictatorship and the voice that you are supposed to invoke is that of the majority in our democracy—not your personal beliefs, wants, or desires, especially when it is clear you are guessing as to what the

majority really wants you to do. I'm sure most readers are starting to see that time truly continues to be on my side, like I keep saying, as it is proving me to be right again about our need for a polling system—another I told you so!

The House and the Senate are also guessing on the casino bill and they could be right but like the governor and our delegate, they are also guessing. I will be the first to say that a lot of people have changed their minds, like I predicted, because the conditions were set, like I predicted, to make us suffer until we accept casinos. But to assume that the majority has changed their minds about casinos defies the ethical standards, principles, and values of the democracy you work for, representatives and senators.

If we had a polling system,
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Accomplishments? It's your job!

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan has for the past five years dutifully been feeding the CNMI people information with what he does for them in Washington. His version of accomplishments include:

(1) ARRA funds which by federal policy would have come to the CNMI with or without a CNMI delegate push for it because insular areas are entitled to receive them anyway through congressional appropriation for insular areas via the Department of the Interior;

(2) Increase in food stamp benefits and a continuing effort to qualify the CNMI in SNAP, which is being cut nationwide but the delegate continues to tell the public that the CNMI will get it despite congressional announcement as recent as two days ago that even Guam

will get cuts;

(3) Local matching waiver for some CIP projects;

(4) \$80 million in the bank for CHC? Is this for real? I hope Joaquin Torres and Esther Muña read Delegate Sablan's statement and take immediate action to check the authenticity of this claim;

(5) Enrollment into military academies and other trivia stuff like getting books from Washington, D.C. to donate to our libraries and schools.

My dear people of the CNMI I am not disputing that fact that Delegate Sablan performed all these for the CNMI but we should ask ourselves: Isn't these so-called accomplishments part of the regular tasks required of his office? What he has been giving us all these time are all part of his job description as a

delegate to Congress. And a justification for his salary of \$170,000 per annum. Absent of performing these tasks would result in him sitting behind a desk in Washington, D.C., twiddling his thumbs day in and day out, right? There is nothing exemplary about any of what he claims as his accomplishments as they are all regular tasks performed and required of all insular and state representatives to Congress. Delegate Sablan's performed tasks are comparable to [for example] me being an office manager for a company and I report weekly to management these accomplishments: I keep the office neat and tidy, stock necessary office supplies for operation, get employees timesheet processed, make sure all office equipments are working, schedule management

meetings and make appointments, bought the best coffee in town for the CEO and the board, etc. Excuse me? These are regular tasks of an office manager and I am expected to do them routinely. Do I have to keep reporting tasks that are my inherent responsibilities as accomplishment? What I should be reporting to management is whether I run an efficient office operation, whether employee morale and productivity are at an all-time high, if I have saved the company thousands of dollars from my effectiveness as an office manager, work productivity has increased by 25 percent, etc. Now these are accomplishments.

Second, our delegate's appeal to raise the minimum wage when the economy improves is a given. Let's roll the tape back to 2012 when he was running for his third term. He publicly announced during his campaign

that he already consulted with the business community to raise the minimum wage this year by \$.50 and that they agreed that raising the minimum wage this fiscal year (2014) is okay and can be afforded. So he pushed during the campaign to fight for minimum wage increase. Now this made it a juicy campaign sales pitch. He won comfortably in the election. But to everyone's surprise after the election in the spring this year, he co-sponsored in Congress a measure to freeze the minimum wage increase because, as he later explained it, "It is a necessity because businesses here cannot afford additional operations cost and would drive them out of business." This film flim reminds me of President Obama's much publicized lies about Obamacare.

In closing, I and all the local people who are the primary stakeholders of the CNMI want to hear from Delegate Sablan what he intends to do with the impending military plan to use Saipan's airport instead of Tinian, and the Pagan military exercise site. The military wants land, air space, and ocean areas in the CNMI to conduct its military live-fire activities. Their preferred arrangements require a sizeable land, air space, and ocean areas in order for the military activities to be able to achieve overall military training objectives. Such a plan will have a definite adverse impact on the environment, economic activities, and social lives of the CNMI people. The land, air space, and ocean areas needed by the military and the types of armaments to be used in the military exercise are of grave concern to our governor, legislators, and the CNMI people. But we have not heard a word from our delegate in Washington, D.C. I am a bit apprehensive how he will treat this issue because our self-described island boy says he works for the federal government.

Marvin Pangelinan
San Vicente, Saipan

POLLING

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the governor and our delegate could truly say they are speaking for the majority as one voice, but instead they end up misrepresenting the people, which is why you are reading this. The Legislature would also know within a week's time how the majority feels about casinos if we had a polling system for voters. Our leaders could truly make a decision based on the voice of the people with a polling system, instead of guessing and playing politics with us. It is time we applied more political science to our politics by using modern and proper political tools to address issues. Voters need to know that our politicians don't want us to have a polling system because they will held accountable to the true voice of the people.

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STATUS

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trailing back for positive review, saddled by the lack of unanimity from the people of these isles.

The GOP in the U.S. House of Representatives isn't ready to take up any immigration measure and not without a realistic fight on major reform to ease the country's \$17 trillion debt. Its interest focuses on the

complete change on Obamacare, a massive fraud perpetrated by President Obama.

My salute to Rep. Trenton Conner for justifying why the Kilili pathway runs contrary to another law on federalization of immigration. He did an exemplary job catching the inconsistency. He stopped Kilili from shoving bones down the throat of the indigent people. Outstanding, Rep. Conner!

Though Kilili alluded to the immigration provision under the Covenant agreement, the greater question is his assessment of how such takeover has literally annihilated the local economy. Furthermore, did he and other liberal progressives offer substantive legislation for purposes of transition to the new arrangement? Or is he too busy with his newfound cottage industry and unsolicited cocktails

of presents from Obama and freebies to turn the NMI into a permanent welfare state?

Why push the agenda of involuntary servitude against folks who prefer working for their dues to dependency on freebies paid for by productive American taxpayers? Why build a burden against posterity who eventually must pay for what were initially deceitful freebies, i.e., Medicaid? Do we do away with scholar-

ships and ask our kids to line up for NAP and SNAP? The latter isn't going anywhere either without major reform.

These concerns merit answers and I'd like to see what the illustrious delegate has to say of measures he's worked and introduced at the national level to assist the CNMI exit the deafening miseries of economic dystopia here. Or are these substantive issues strictly local matters? But not

the takeover of immigration federal policy, sir?

There's got to be more meaningful paradigms than serving as the chief leech funneling all leftover freebies from across the Pacific Divide. No wonder the humiliating laughingstock of the NMI now famous in Washington as the "welfare country." How about more meaningful issues other than SNAP cultural marginalization?

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Office Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday - Friday

Contact Barbara Reyes at (670) 322-4401/4402 or email: mplt@mplt.gov.mp for more information.

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The MPLT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is in the Funds best interest. All proposals shall become the property of MPLT.

The Northern Marianas College's College Access Challenge Grant program is inviting Tinian residents to attend a Movie Night today, Nov. 15, 2013 at 6:30pm and 9:30pm at the Antonio M. Borja Amphitheatre, Natibu Park.

In addition to featuring the films *The Wolverine* at 6:30pm

and *Elysium* at 9:30pm, the pre-movie activities will include a brief presentation about preparing for college (college success, student life, financial aid, and time and money management, etc.).

The fun-filled event is free and open to the public. Refreshments and snacks will be sold by vendors. Also, note that the film *The Wolverine* is rated PG-13, which means

that minors under the age of 13 must be accompanied by parents or guardians. The film *Elysium* is rated R (not PG-13 as previously reported) which means that minors under the age of 17 must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

For more information or inquiries, contact NMC Tinian Instructional Site coordinator Maria Aguon at 433-0649 or visit www.marianas.edu. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Athena Ogumoro graduates from Eastern Oregon University

LA GRANDE, OR—Athena Ogumoro, of Saipan, graduated from Eastern Oregon University during the 2012-13 academic year. Ogumoro earned a BA degree in English. EOU awarded 593 undergraduate degrees, 95

master's degrees, seven associate degrees and two certificates in 2012-13. (PR)

Kagman High schedules

Kagman High School parents and guardians are being advised that Nov. 15, 2013 is Report Card Day. Reports will be given to students to take home on that day. Please ask your child how they did! To schedule a meeting with your child's teacher, call 237-3840.

Dates to remember:

■ Nov. 28-29: No classes, Thanksgiving Break

■ Dec. 9: No classes, Constitution Day

■ Dec. 18, 2013 is Joint progress report (time and location TBA)

■ Dec. 23-Jan. 3: No classes, Christmas break

For more information, call KHS main office at 237-3840. (PR)

CCA board meeting on Nov. 19

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will con-

duct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, Nov. 15, from 4am to 7am and 9am to 5pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

MHS to issue report cards for Q1

To all parents and legal guardians of the Mighty Dolphins of Marianas High School: We will be distributing the 1st Quarter Report Card to the students today, Nov. 15, 2013. There will be regular class schedule today, which means students will be released at 3pm. If you have any questions, call the Main Office at 237-3206/5. (MHS)

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Nov. 21

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS ON FIVE HOUSES IN, SAIPAN

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals on One Two-story concrete house in Kannat Tabla, Saipan and Two-Three Bedroom houses and Two-Two Bedroom houses all located in Kagman 3, Saipan.

MPLT Resolution 10-10 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP). Under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified as a first-time homeowner with proof of registration as a person of Northern Marianas Descent through the NMD Registry program with the CNMI Board of Elections; a notarized affidavit by the applicant that he/she does not have any interest, whether freehold or fee simple, in any CNMI land; and a verified name search from a title company (current within 45 days) showing that the applicant does not own title to nor hold any interest in CNMI land as a grantee.

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Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for one acquired home located in Kannat Tabla, Saipan and four acquired homes located in Kagman, Saipan. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa. The deadline for submission of proposals for either house is Monday, December 02, 2013.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy, happy 6th birthday AJ Boy Onio! May all your wishes come true, God bless and we love you! Coming from Uncle Mike, Annie Girl, Jamie Ann, and the Onio family.

Happy birthday to Jessmin Viannie S. Wabol, who turns 8 years old today! We love you always! Greetings come from Mom, your brothers and sisters, and the entire family.



HAPPY CHRISTENING

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THIRST QUENCHERS

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Coke and Foremost will be quenching thirst at the 18th Club at the HYATT Golf Tournament. Coca-Cola and Foremost will serve beverages to at least 144 confirmed golfers and a host of supporters at the 18th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at Laolao Bay Golf Resort. The companies will provide Coca-Cola and Foremost products as well as hydration team services at the tournament. Rusty M. Loyola, second left, operations manager, Coke and Foremost and Satyananda Maharjan, right, warehouse supervisor, turned over the sponsorship package to members of Hyatt management team, from left, Seiji Shindo, assistant director of food and beverage; Tyrell Pauling, director of food and beverage; and Rosalyn Quintanilla, director of rooms.

Search for overboard cruise passenger underway in Pacific

HONOLULU—The search is underway for a passenger reported overboard from a cruise ship approximately 750 miles northeast of Hilo.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center were notified at approximately 1pm by the crew of the *Grand Princess* that a

30-year-old American female was overboard.

The passenger was last seen at approximately 12pm.

The cruise ship has changed course and is currently searching for the missing passenger. An HC-130 Hercules airplane crew is en route from Air Station Barber's. (USCG)

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Saipan Sabalu Farmer's Market in Susupe.

On Nov. 23, 2013, from 2pm to 6pm, our mobile clinic will be accessible at Mt. Carmel field in Susupe.

On Nov. 30, 2013, from 9am to 1pm, our mobile clinic will be in Kagman Market.

For those who would like to avail to these mobile clinic services or see the health information exhibition, must be at the date, time and location listed above. Our CHCC's public health staff will provide education and follow-up with those who need further care. **(CHCC)**

Bordallo speaks on House floor on Haiyan

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday about the impact of Super Typhoon Haiyan on the Philippines and the U.S. government's response to this disaster. She commended the efforts of the federal government, the local Filipino community in Guam, non-profits and the government of Guam to provide resources to the hardest hit areas in the Philippines. She encouraged continued support for our allies in the Philippines.

"I rise in solidarity with the People of the Philippines in the wake of the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan," said Bordallo. "The images we see on TV are horrific and unimaginable. We are strong allies with the Philippines and have deep historical and cultural bonds. As we have done in the past, we will stand by our allies in need. I commend the Obama Administration for rushing to the aid of the Filipino people, and I also commend the efforts of the Filipino Community of Guam, the government

of Guam, and local nonprofits and businesses for mobilizing to provide resources to their counterparts. Like Operation Tomodachi, we are rushing to the aid of the Philippines. This is how we demonstrate our commitment as a Pacific partner. I appreciate and I commend the efforts of our federal government to send significant resources to the impacted areas of the Philippines. I urge this Congress to reaffirm this commitment to the Philippines and to support providing resources necessary to help them recover." **(PR)**

San Nicolas seeks more relief opportunities to PH

Guam Sen. Michael F.Q. San Nicolas on Wednesday officially requested the management of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority to work with the airlines to waive baggage fees and allow more passenger baggage to the Philippines, within reason and in compliance with safety regulations.

"Many of our people travel

regularly to the Philippines, and during this time they would undoubtedly like to bring more items with them to help their friends and family back home recover from the storm," said San Nicolas. "We need to help facilitate this recovery effort by working together, and I am hoping that our airlines will recognize this opportunity for grass-

roots humanitarian assistance."

In his letter, San Nicolas, chairman of the Legislative Committee on Aviation, Ground Transportation, Regulatory Concerns, and Future Generations, asks Charles Ada, Airport executive manager, and airport management to work with tenant airlines to make this possible. **(PR)**

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Bill seeks to restore pension cuts, pay interest

» No restoration for those with annual pension over \$60K

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

A bill prefiled Wednesday seeks to restore the 25-percent cut in retirees' pension and ensure the payment of interest earned by active employees both under the defined benefit plan, but did not identify the specific sources to fund these other than "new revenue sources."

The bill, however, excludes those receiving over \$60,000 in annual pension from having their lost benefits restored.

House Bill 18-145, authored by House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), seeks to create a Defined Benefits Restoration Fund.

This is where funds specifically earmarked to pay interest

on the DB employee contributions withdrawn pursuant to Public Law 17-82 as amended by PL 18-2, or for the restoration of the 25-percent cut in pension shall be deposited.

The bill specifies the formula for distribution of the DB restoration funds.

Under the bill, interest payments will be paid to eligible active employees on a pro rata basis. Eligible active employees shall receive interest payments proportionately until the full interest earned is paid.

After interest payments to eligible active employees are fully satisfied, funds shall be used for restoration payments to be disbursed as follows:

■ For those whose annual pensions are \$30,000 or less,

the restoration payment shall be 100 percent of their reduced benefits.

■ Those with annual pension of between \$30,001 and \$40,000, the payment shall be 75 percent of their reduced benefits.

■ For those receiving annual pension of between \$40,001 and \$50,000, the payment shall be 50 percent of their lost benefits.

■ Those getting annual pension of between \$50,001 and \$60,000, the payment shall be 25 percent of their lost benefits.

■ For those whose annual pension is over \$60,000, no lost benefits shall be restored.

All class members falling in a lower income bracket are to be paid before disbursements are made to the next lowest pension bracket.

Guam Filipino artists parol making contest

The Philippine Consulate General is inviting the public to join the Parol Making Contest organized by the Guam Filipino Artists, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, at the Center Court of the Agana Shopping Center.

The Parol-Making Contest is a biennial Christmas celebration started in 2009.

For this year's Parol Making Contest, participants are enjoined to use recycled materials such as plastic cups or bottles, etc. or indigenous materials

such as dried leaves and branches, *tangan-tangan*, and the like.

Those interested to join the contest may secure copies of the official registration form from the following: National Office Supply stores in Agana Shopping Center and the Manhattan Plaza Building in Harmon and Golden Marketing in Tamuning.

The registration forms should be submitted to these stores or sent by fax to 646-7853. Registration begins today, Nov. 15, 2013, and will end on Nov. 29,

2013, at 5:00PM.

All entries should have their own stands and should be brought to Center Court of the Agana Shopping Center on Dec. 1, 2013, from 11am to 1:30pm. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

For more information on the contest, contact Rolly Zepeda, president of the Guam Filipino Artists at telephone number 585-3676 or Emelio Uy, chairman of the board of trustees of the Filipino Community of Guam at 646-7908. (PR)



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INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-006

Replacement of Fire Pumps at the
Commonwealth Health Center – Garapan, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for supply, installation and commissioning of the fire pumps replaced at the Commonwealth Health Center – Garapan, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the Commonwealth Health Center Telemetry Room. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST November 12, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-006, Replacement of Fire Pumps at the Commonwealth Health Center"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 25, 2013 and must be received no later than December 4, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:00 AM ChST December 5, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Government Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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Request for Qualifications for Provision of Architect and Engineering Services
702 CIP Project Managers
RFQ14-GOV-011

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architects and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2013 and 2014 calendar years. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and closeout.

Selected architects and engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project and may include approved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve, as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, beginning November 5, 2013 during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except on holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Three copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ14-GOV-011" no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, December 2, 2013.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:

- Past experience as a project manager – 70%
- Interview – 30%

Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any non-material imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth.



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INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-014

Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for PDO and Arts Council Office

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for Office of the Public Defender and DCCA - Arts Council Office.

The project package will be available on or after November 1, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 19, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-014"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 29, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 29, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 29, 2013 and must be received no later than December 11, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 12, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 29, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
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Acceptable asset are only:

- Cash
- US Government Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-015

Autoclave Unit for Tinian Health Center

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Purchase of Autoclave Unit for the Tinian Health Center.

The project package will be available Friday, November 1, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 19, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-015"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 29, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 29, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 29, 2013 and must be received no later than December 6, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 6, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 29, 2013.

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Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
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/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
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Fullbright scholar says CNMI reminds her of home

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Fullbright Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Grace Turner said the CNMI’s tropical climate and island lifestyle reminds her very much of her home country of Jamaica and she urged local residents to learn more about the Caribbean nation made famous by Usain Bolt and Bob Marley.

Turner, founder and president of Clavester University College Limited, also delved into what it means to be a Fullbright Scholar-in-Residence in her speech as one of the guest speakers of the Saipan Rotary Club’s weekly meeting Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Turner

“Of all the 20-odd countries that I’ve visited so far in my lifetime, there is none that I found more similar to Jamaica as this one is. I have soursop

growing in my backyard where I’m living in Gualo Rai. I have sweetsops, tangerines, a big breadfruit tree, and tons of coconuts. It’s very similar to Jamaica. The only difference is the accent,” she said.

Turner, who was sent to the CNMI by the Department of State under the Fullbright program, said the program has two categories. The first sends Americans to the rest of the world to help strengthen nations; the other one is the reverse, where the U.S. sends non-Americans to U.S. territories.

“That category is where I am, which is the Fullbright Scholar-in-Residence, where a scholar from a non-American territory is identified to stay up to nine months in a region to help to build and internationalize that region,” she said.

As part of her mandate, Turn-

er is currently connected with the Northern Marianas College where she’s teaching a course in communications and even edited the final draft of its accreditation report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

After a brief history lesson where Turner said Jamaicans don’t acknowledge Columbus for discovering the island and pointed to the British as introducing African slaves to the island, she gave a brief description of what Jamaica is now.

“There are 2.7 million Jamaicans living on the island. Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, alone has 800,000 people. We have an equal number of Jamaicans liv-

ing off the island, who are called the Jamaican Diaspora. We call Florida, which is just above Jamaica, Kingston 21. Jamaicans are also all over Brooklyn and all over New York. They’re also a lot of us in Canada and United Kingdom.”

Turner said that 15 percent of the island’s revenue comes from the remittances of the Jamaican Diaspora. Jamaica is also dependent on the following industries: Tourism, 10 percent; bauxite mining (where aluminum is from), 10 percent; and rest coming from agro-processing and light manufacturing.

“We earn our money from agro-processing. There’s also light manufacturing. We manufacture rum, good old Jamaica



Turner

rum. We also manufacture cement, metals, paper, and chemicals. We earn our money by exporting these items.”

In total, Jamaica’s gross domestic product is \$25.1 billion, which is ranked 117th in the world. Turner said such a low GDP and out-of-control spending has resulted in the government working on a budget deficit.

She acknowledged that the Jamaican government does not appropriate enough funds for education. In fact, out of the \$520-billion budget approved last April, only \$76 billion was earmarked for education.


Turned, however, believes that there’s still hope for Jamaica and she is pinning those aspirations on a document Jamaicans call Vision 2030.

“We want to make Jamaica the preferred place to go do busi-


ness and raise families. There’s a roadmap that the government has set and it’s not dependent on which government is in power. It’s Vision 2030 and the entire country has been asked to buy into it. We are in a growth path because we cannot remain mendicants for North America and depend on other countries to pay our life bills. We’re seeking to reenergize the economy through this Vision 2030.”

While thanking Rotarians for her 10-minute turn at the podium Tuesday, Turner appealed to members to always remember Jamaica.

“Jamaica is not only about Usain Bolt who is the fastest man in the world. It’s more than Bob Marley and reggae music. We’re still a country that needs all the support we can get and I call on you again to remember Jamaica.”



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-005

ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE, ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD), PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(014), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 33 (Beach Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after **November 1, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 20, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 4, 2013 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-005"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 10, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 10, 2013**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 10, 2013** and must be received no later than **December 18, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 23, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **December 12, 2013**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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b)

Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

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Cash

2)

US Gov't Securities

3)

Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4)

Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5)


Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Ten (210) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03


All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-006

ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 30 (CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD) PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(015), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 30 (Chalan Pale Arnold Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 8, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 26, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 11, 2013 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 27, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **December 13, 2013**.

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4 Marianas businesses get grants for renewable energy

HILO, Hawaii—Chris J. Kanazawa, state director for USDA Rural Development, announced yesterday the selection of four businesses in Guam and the CNMI to receive Rural Energy for America, or REAP, grants totaling \$48,335.

"These awards clearly demonstrate the Obama administration's effort to create a clean energy economy," said Kanazawa, state director for Hawaii and the Western Pacific. "The REAP will enable owners of rural businesses, farms, and ranches to develop renewable energy systems and improve energy efficiency to save thousands of kilowatt hours of energy annually."

■ **Servino & Associates, Inc. on Saipan, \$2,633**

To purchase a 5KwH grid tied Solar PV system that will be used by the firm at its office on Saipan. Servino & Associates has been serving the people of the Marianas since 1997 with offices in both Saipan and Guam. The company's president, Jose Servino, has over 50 years of electrical engineering experience and is also a Certified Energy Manager.

"Electricity costs [on] Saipan are among the highest in the Marianas, and as a small business struggling to make ends meet, any savings we realize can make a world of difference to us," said Servino. "Utilizing free energy from the sun therefore makes all the sense in the world. ...Sure, the initial costs can be discouraging but the cost savings is well worth the investment in the long run."

■ **American Printing Corp., \$24,170**

The company will use the grant to purchase a 20 KwH photovoltaic solar, grid interconnected system that will be installed on the rooftop of the company's commercial building along Chalan San Antonio in Tamuning. American Printing Corp. was incorporated in 1976 and is one of Guam's oldest and largest printing companies on island. The company, which remains family-owned and operated, offers a full range of printing and copying services.

APC's co-owner and manager James Yu said that "with the doubling of the cost of power, his family's business began looking for ways to control its power bill."

APC's monthly power bill ranged from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a month. "It's a lot of money," Yu said.

"Guam has been our home for over 36 years and knowing we are saving energy while doing our part to save our environment and to make Guam a greener place, is a rewarding feeling."

Based on the projections of the solar energy system's capacity, "American Printing expects

its next power bill to be cut in half," Yu said.

■ **Green Energy Solutions, Inc., \$17,250**

Grant funds will be used to purchase a 10KwH photovoltaic solar system that will be mounted on the roof of their office. GESI is a locally-owned Guam company established in 2012. The company specializes in packaging affordable solar photovoltaic and wind turbine power generation systems for homes and small businesses. GESI provides consulting, design, supply and installation and warrants every system installed.

GESI's founder and president, Alfred Lam, said, "[In] Guam we're paying so much for the power bill, and I want to do something for Guam to save people's power bills." Both Lam and his director and field operation manager, Patrick Quintanilla, stressed the values of the company and how customers can capitalize on savings through the customizable systems GESI can build. Since the systems are customizable.

"Bottom line is we want to create solar power systems that's affordable, and the people of Guam can enjoy it. That's basically our mission," Lam said.

The system is projected to generate approximately 13,113Kwh per year and save the company over \$7,128 annually in electricity costs.

"We will end up zeroing out on our utility cost! The solar system will also serve a dual purpose by allowing potential customers the opportunity to see firsthand, how the systems look, designed, installed, and more importantly how they produce power," stated Lam.

■ **Automated Energy Systems, \$4,282**

To purchase a 1.6KwH Photovoltaic Solar System with an iPV dual axis tracking system which mechanically adjusts the positioning of the solar panels in the direction of the sun to maximize system efficiency and output. AES is a locally-owned company established since 2006. AES provides energy efficient lighting, solar hot water systems and roof insulation services and expanded into solar PV systems in early 2012.

Company president Harvey Yu states that, "Solar PV systems are the wave of the future and while the technology is relatively new to the Guam market, it is a tried and true system, that if designed correctly, could supplement one's entire power energy needs. Consumers often focus on the cost so we try and refocus their attention to the cost savings."

About REAP

The Rural Energy for America Program, authorized through the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, provides assistance to agricultural produc-

ers and rural small businesses to complete a variety of projects. Offering both loan guarantees and grants, the REAP program helps eligible applicants install renewable energy systems such as solar panels or anaerobic digesters, make energy efficiency improvements such as installing irrigation pumps or replacing ventilation systems, and conduct energy audits and feasibility studies.

"We want to reach out to more businesses and offer a viable alternative for financing both for renewable energy and energy efficiency systems," said Joe Diego, area director. "Investment in these systems can be costly and RD offers eligible businesses with an affordable mechanism to finance these systems, which will ultimately help these businesses become more sustainable in the face of rising energy costs." (USDA)



American Printing Corp.'s 20KwH photovoltaic solar system. Pictured in foreground is Harvey Yu of American Printing Corp.

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Message of Appreciation

We, the children and families of the late

†ESCOLASTICA BORJA TUDELA CABRERA

are blessed with God's gift of relatives and friends who have come to be with us to share the mourning of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Your thoughtfulness and unselfish support in expressing your sympathy and condolences have greatly helped us in bearing the sorrow in the pain of our loss.

Your prayers and the time you spent with us during the daily Eucharistic Celebrations and Holy Rosary has lighten the endurance of our pain, and our great loss of loneliness.

We thank you more than words can express. As you have remembered our beloved in your prayers, we will also remember you and your loved ones in ours.

MAY THE LORD'S BLESSING SHINE
UPON US ALL
TODAY, TOMORROW, AND
ALWAYS...

Thank you and may God bless Us All

*Linda, Isidoro, Daria, Millan, Oliva,
Olinka, Noe, Anthony, Gloria, Rita,
Eleonita, Eloy, Carmen and families*



Inos requests extension on Affordable Care Act, NAIC

On Oct. 16 this year, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners issued a report outlining the potentially negative effect of the Affordable Care Act in the U.S. territories. This report, which urges the Department of Health and Human Services to help alleviate these problems, was sent to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and other federal officials.

The report points out that, although territories are subject to the market reforms and other provisions of the ACA, because key provisions such as individual and employer mandates to have health insurance coverage are not extended to the territories, insurance industries of these territories may become unable to sustain themselves and ultimately collapse. Be-

cause insurance companies will be required in 2014 to offer rich benefits to everyone, including those with pre-existing conditions, there is a possibility that only "high-risk" individuals will enroll in insurance coverage and medical claim costs may surpass premium payments.

The NAIC report notes that HHS "could phase these reforms in over a period of sev-

eral years" and that Congress could equalize the treatment of the territories by applying the mandates and providing subsidy funds. The report also acknowledges that territories do have the power to "[adopt] the mandate at a territorial level and funding subsidies themselves."

Action from the CNMI

Reiterating this appeal to Sebe-

lius, Gov. Eloy S. Inos sent two consecutive letters to Sebelius on Oct. 21 and 23. The first letter notified Sebelius that the CNMI has elected not to participate in a health insurance exchange program because of "significant reservations on [the CNMI's] ability to fund the exchange," among other reasons.

The second letter was sent from the governor to = Sebelius

to request a "delay of the implementation of the provisions relevant to market reforms until such a time that our jurisdiction can put proper regulatory controls in place to fully implement the statutory requirements."

All of these documents are available on the CNMI Consumer Assistance Program's interim website cnmicap.wordpress.com. (*Office of the Governor*)

Guam gets two new priests

YONA, Guam—Last Saturday, Nov. 9, the Archdiocese of Agana celebrated one of the most transcendent events that any diocese around the world could celebrate—an ordination to the sacred priesthood.

The Metropolitan Archbishop of Agana, Most Rev. Anthony Sablan Apuron OFM Cap., D.D., ordained two young men, who have been formed at the Redemptorist Mater Seminary in Yona, for the service of the Church in Guam.

The newly ordained priests are Fr. Luis Venancio Benavente Camacho Jr., 28, of Guam, and Fr. Michael Vincent Jucutan, 36, of Hawaii. Family members and friends of the newly ordained came to Guam to witness this great blessing.

Everyone at the Cathedral, and even those who follow the event through the Internet, re-

joiced and took part in this celebration where God consecrated Fr. Luis and Fr. Michael as instruments of His love and mercy for the sake of the people of Guam and the world.

Fr. Luis and Fr. Michael are now incardinated to the Archdiocese of Agana, which means that they belong here. Beginning on Dec. 8, 2013, Fr. Luis will begin his ministry in the parishes of San Dimas Catholic Church in Malesso and San Dionisio in Umatac as the parochial vicar and Fr. Michael will be the vice-rector of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagatna.

Camacho and Jucutan received their bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology from the Blessed Diego Luis De San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania—an affiliated institute of the Pontifical



RIC A. EUSABIO

Newly ordained priests Fr. Michael Vincent Jucutan, left, and Fr. Luis Venancio Benavente Camacho Jr. render the sacrament of communion on Nov. 9, 2013, after their ordination rites.

Lateran University of Rome. Camacho is a native son of Guam and is the first Cham-

orro and Jucutan, the first native Hawaiian to be ordained from the Redemptoris Mater

Seminary of Guam. Camacho is a 2003 graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School and

Jucutan is a 1995 graduate of Pearl City High School in Hawaii. (*PR*)

Student Film Festival Workshop at AMP today

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be holding a Student Film Festival Workshop today, Nov. 15, starting at 6pm at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater.

Don Muña of Muña Bros. and J.D. Iriarte, director of the Guam International Film Festival, will be facilitating the workshop.

Muña is an award-winning independent film professional,

co-founder, and executive director of the Guam International Film Festival. Iriarte, meanwhile, is the former director of development at Paramount Studios and a Hollywood celebrity event planner.

The workshop is open to all high school students interested in learning about filmmaking and participating in the council's student film festival this December. The workshop is

free of charge.

The workshop will cover the basics of digital filmmaking and creating a digital photo montage.

In addition, the film festival's theme "What does the American Dream mean in the CNMI?" will be explored.

To register, email Eulalia S. Villagomez at eulalia@pticom.com or call council staff at 235-4785. (*Saipan Tribune*)

Saipan to join worldwide candle lighting for bereaved families

A group that is in the process of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter on Saipan will organize a remembrance program that will be held in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends' 17th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Service.

The remembrance program will be held on Dec. 8, starting 6:30pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Organizer Jill Derickson said the annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Service is an event where tens of thousands of bereaved family members around the world join together to light candles to honor the memories of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.

"Candles will be lit at 7pm local time, as we commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. A virtual 24-hour wave of light

moves from time zone to time zone around the world. As candles go out in time zones before us, they will be lit in Saipan and Guam," she said.

During the event each family group or attendee would have the opportunity to light and hold their own votive candle in remembrance.

"We will have readings, and a time for sharing memories for those who want to share. We are planning a slideshow presentation in memory of our children," she said.

To this end, Derickson is asking participants to email one or two of their favorite pictures of their dear departed to nelsonkrum@msn.com by Dec. 1. She said attendees are also welcome to bring a framed photo or small memento of their loved one for a display. Light refreshments will be

served following the ceremony and parents are encouraged to bring their child's favorite dessert.

"The death of a child of any age, from any cause, is a shattering experience for a family. The family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The holidays are often an especially difficult time."

For more information, call Derickson at 287-5337 or email jilld@pticom.com.

The Compassionate Friends (www.compassionatefriends.org/home.aspx) is a national mutual assistance, self-help organization that offers friendship, understanding and support to family members who have experienced the death of a son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild or friend, and helps others better assist grieving families. (*Mark Rabago*)

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

Antonia Chong Villagomez

We, the family, would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to all who have joined us commemorate the first death anniversary of our beloved Antonia unto eternal life.

Your support and presence in the daily Masses is greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your kindness and the generosity of all who have donated their time and gifts. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You
Andresina Chong Villagomez and Family

Wife's wild past puts future of her marriage in jeopardy

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: This is my wife's second marriage. When we were dating, she led me to believe that I was the second sexual partner she had ever had. Shortly after our wedding, I found out through some mutual acquaintances she had attended college with that she had been very promiscuous during her college years and that the number of men she has been with is far greater than two.



Dear Abby

I feel lied to and trapped in my marriage. (If I had known this, I would not have married her.) She knows I know. She dismissed it by saying the past doesn't matter, but what she fails to recognize is that it matters to ME. I can't help but wonder if she has lied to me about something this important, what else will she lie to me about?

I love her and want to stay with her, but I feel betrayed and, frankly, embarrassed by her now. What do I do?

CONFOUNDED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONFOUNDED: People lie when they feel threatened, when they want to impress someone or when they're ashamed of something. The lie your wife told you may fall into the latter category. She wasn't honest about the number of men she had been with because she knew you would react the way you have.

You say you love her, but if you truly feel embarrassed by the fact that you're not the second man she has slept with, then you either need to change your attitude or do her a favor and think about ending your marriage. From my perspective, the number of lovers she has had since the wedding is far more important than the number she had before.

Please be aware that many women in our society have had multiple partners, so if you're looking to replace your wife anytime soon, you may be hard pressed to find a woman with no experience. If you want to salvage your marriage, I strongly recommend you talk to a therapist, but don't spend your money unless you can forgive your wife for being afraid to tell you the truth.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old guy, and I have a problem. I recently met a girl in a chat room, and we seemed to hit it off pretty well. As we've been talking, she has told me she is suicidal, and in the past three days she has made three attempts to take her life. (As I'm writing this, she is in the hospital.)

Being a sensitive person, I try to talk her out of it, but she keeps shutting me out, and once she's OK, she is a completely different person. I still want to be her friend, but this is getting to be too much for me. Please help.

WORRIED IN VERMONT

DEAR WORRIED: You are a caring person, but you must recognize that the girl you are corresponding with is emotionally fragile. Right now she is unable to respond to you and, frankly, you are not equipped to help her. It's good that she is in the hospital because that is where she needs to be until she can be stabilized.

If you continue to stay in touch with her and she tells you again that she is suicidal, you should ask her where she is and if she has done anything to herself. Then call 911 and report it so she can get help QUICKLY.

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DEAR ABBY: What do you do with a husband who is loud and rude, who curses constantly and argues with you and the TV, and is a bully to you and your daughter?

THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL

DEAR THAT'S IT: As little as possible!

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Coral Reef Committee raises 2 concerns

» ESA-listing of coral species and Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization highlighted



Members of the All Islands Committee, from left: Dr. Bob Richmond (science adviser), Joanna Walczak (FL), Don Hess (RMI); Fran Castro (CNMI-chairperson), Joseph Cameron (GU), Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga (AS), JP Oriol (USVI), Damaris Delgado (PR-vice chair), Gerry Davis (resource adviser), and Emma Anders (HI).

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At the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting in St. Croix today, Nov. 15, 2013, the U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee will issue a call to action on their two top priorities: supporting the reauthorization of the nation's Coral Reef Conservation Act and expressing concerns over the NOAA-proposed listing of 66 coral species under the Endangered Species Act.

The AIC jurisdictions—American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—are home to a large percentage of the nation's ecologically, economically, and culturally important coral reef ecosystems.

Reauthorizing the Coral Reef Conservation Act (2000) would put into place vital measures to protect and manage

ecosystems in the U.S. In the AIC jurisdictions, reauthorization would expand and clarify support for conservation and management of coral reefs by leveraging resources and management compliance as well as clarifying the responsibilities of federal agencies to respond to catastrophic events.

"It's been 13 years since the [Coral Reef Conservation] Act was first passed and our coral reefs need this reauthorization now, more than ever before. It is important that the Task Force support the reauthorization effort," said AIC chair Fran Castro.

The Coral Reef Conservation Act is a strong tool for the protection and management of coral reefs, while the proposed coral listing under the Endangered Species Act will create a great administrative burden

with little benefit to improving coral reef health and resilience.

Last November, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration proposed to list 66 species of corals under the ESA: seven in the Caribbean and 59 in the Pacific. ESA is not the right tool to protect these corals, particularly when the primary threat driving the consideration for ESA-listing is global climate change. This listing would put more strain on already limited resources in the jurisdictions, potentially taking away from local conservation, recovery, and management efforts.

Since late 2012 when NOAA held its public hearings, new and significant information on coral species distribution and abundance have been provided as well as a refinement of the certainty of climate change predictions with respect to impacts

on corals. This information will greatly improve the data available to evaluate the "risk of extinction," the principle element in deciding the merit of listing. The AIC is requesting, through the task Force, that NOAA reevaluate their approach and analysis with this new information and use it to determine next steps.

"We hope that by elevating the reauthorization and listing issues to the Task Force, federal and local governments will collaborate extensively to get the best possible outcomes," said Castro.

The U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee represents the combined voice of the coral reef jurisdictions of the U.S. and affiliates and serves as the collected voice for local governments in the federal process to conserve coral reefs. (PR)

Hospital's 3-year strategic plan underway

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Operation of the island's lone public hospital is expected to keep improving in the following years after the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board revealed that its much-needed "Three-Year Strategic Plan" is in the works.

On Tuesday, the board approved the conduct of the project's second phase by allocating funding for the purpose.

The goal of the strategic plan is to provide quality medical care, promote health and prevention programs, undertake public health disease surveillance, and sound healthcare management, with the overall goal of promoting the health and wellness of CNMI residents and its visitors.

Board member Anthony

Raho disclosed that the corporation tapped the consultancy services of WestCare for the three-year strategic plan for CHCC. Since it started in October, a series of meetings have been done on three islands, seeking input from community members and stakeholders regarding short and long-term goals for the organization.

Saipan Tribune learned that WestCare was contracted using grant monies applied by PIHOA for the CNMI. PIHOA is the *Pacific Island Health Officers Association*.

Interim corporation CEO Esther Muña said the grant is for the improvement of public health infrastructure that can be used to develop the CHCC's strategic plan. Each year, approximately \$100,000 is available for the CNMI from this grant.

"I hope we could continue this project because this is a vital part of the board's responsibilities. WestCare is working on a three-year strategic plan that we can tie to our fiscal year budget," said Raho, adding that WestCare initial contract agreement with CHCC will expire next month and any disruption to this funding will stall its work.

The board has approved a second contract for WestCare.

Muña assured the board that the new agreement with the vendor will go with all the objectives of the grant. A meeting between WestCare and CHCC board is scheduled next month.

The lack of strategic plan for the hospital is among the many shortcomings identified at the public hospital.

CHCC is an independent agency that handles operation of CHC, Tinian, and Rota health clinics, among other units.

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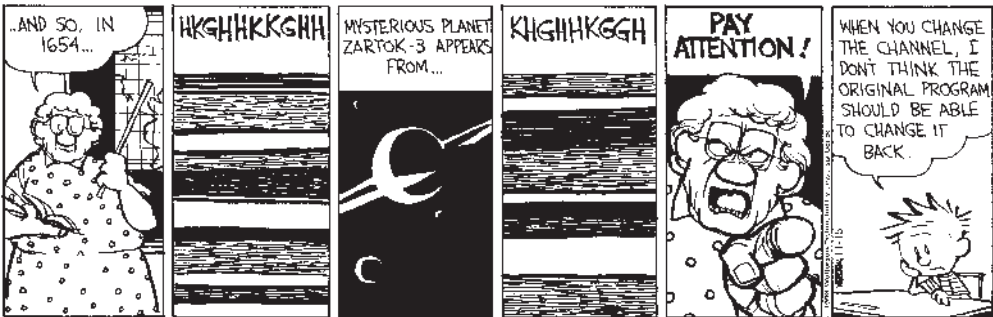
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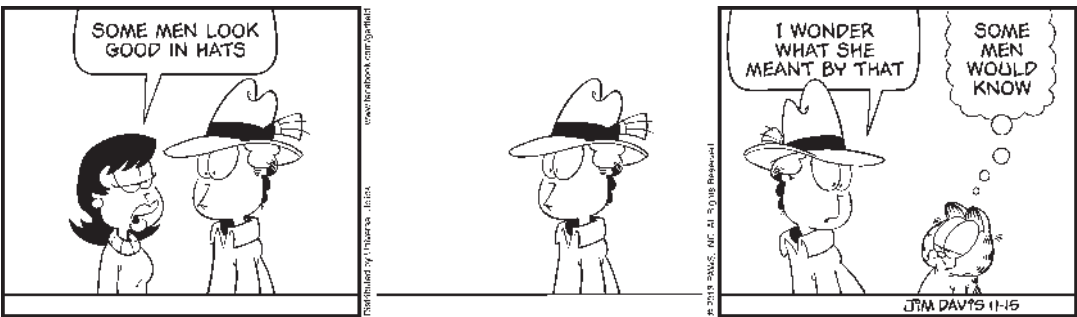
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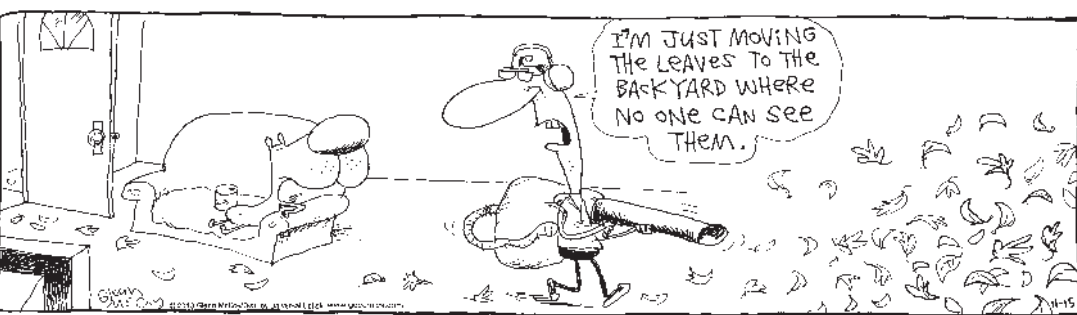
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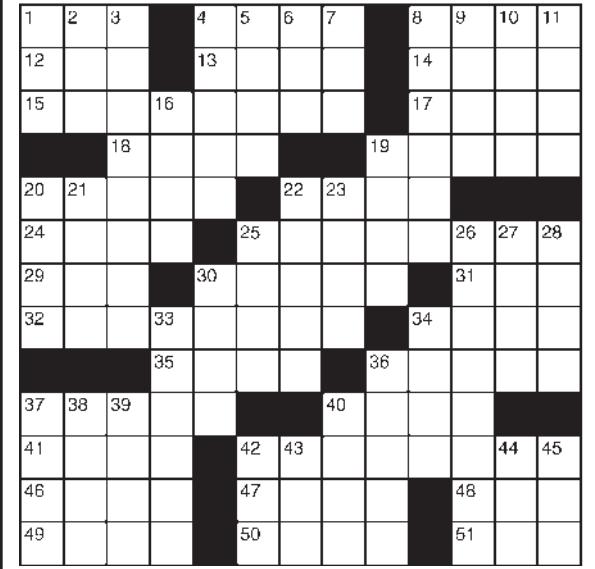
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Wroten's triple-double leads 76ers over Rockets

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Tony Wroten had his first career triple-double, James Anderson scored a career-high 36 points and Spencer Hawes made the go-ahead basket with 34 seconds left in overtime to help the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Houston Rockets 123-117 Wednesday night.

Wroten had career highs with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in his first start for injured rookie Michael Carter-Williams, who didn't play because of a bruised left arch.

Jeremy Lin scored 34 points, making a career-best nine 3-pointers. Dwight Howard had 23 points and 15 rebounds, and Chandler Parsons added 22 points for Houston.

Lin started for James Harden, who was out of Houston's lineup because of a bruised left foot.

Timberwolves 124, Cavaliers 95

In Minneapolis, Kevin Love had 33 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and Ricky Rubio added 16 points and a career-high 16 assists as Minnesota beat Cleveland Cavaliers.

Corey Brewer scored 27 points for Minnesota while filling in for Kevin Martin, who was out with an illness, and the Timberwolves outscored Cleveland 29-6 in transition points to run the Cavaliers out of the building.

Kyrie Irving scored 20 points on 8-for-17 shooting and survived a nasty collision in the first quarter for the Cavaliers. Anderson Varejao had 13 points and five rebounds starting for Andrew Bynum, who missed the game for personal reasons. The Cavs fell to 0-6 on the road this season.

Spurs 92, Wizards 79

In San Antonio, Tony Parker had 16 points, leading six Spurs in double figures, as San Antonio rolled over Washington.

Boris Diaw had 15 points, Kawhi Leonard added 13 points, and Manu Ginobili and Marco Belinelli each had 10 for San Antonio. Tiago Splitter had 12 points and nine rebounds.

Martell Webster had 21 points, Bradley Beal added 19 points and John Wall had 14 points and eight assists for Washington, which has lost three straight.

The Spurs held a double digit lead for all but about 15 minutes in remaining undefeated at home.

Knicks 95, Hawks 91

In Atlanta, Carmelo Anthony continued his success against Atlanta by scoring 25 points as New York regrouped after blowing a 17-point lead.

The Knicks, relying on 3-pointers, led 47-30 in the second period. New York made only 5 of 25 shots from the field while being outscored 23-10 in the third period, leaving the Hawks with a 68-65 lead.

Andrea Bargnani had 20



Philadelphia 76ers' Tony Wroten, left, and Houston Rockets' Dwight Howard reach for a rebound during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 123-117 in overtime.

points and 11 rebounds, and rookie Tim Hardaway Jr. had 14 points for New York.

Jeff Teague led Atlanta with 25 points and eight assists. Al Horford had 23 points.

Raptors 103, Grizzlies 87

In Memphis, Tennessee, Rudy Gay scored 23 points in his return to Memphis and Kyle Lowry added 21 to help Toronto beat the Grizzlies.

Gay, who was part of a Jan. 30 trade that sent him to the Raptors after spending his first 6-plus years in the league with Memphis, was 8 of 18 from the field, but missed his first four shots in the game.

DeMar DeRozan scored 13 of his 18 points in the first quarter.

Mike Conley led Memphis with 29 points. Marc Gasol had 18 points while Zach Randolph finished with 10 points. Gasol and Randolph each grabbed 10 rebounds.

Bobcats 89, Celtics 83

In Boston, Al Jefferson had 22 points and 11 rebounds to lead Charlotte over Boston, ending the Celtics' four-game winning streak.

Gerald Henderson had 13 points, Jeff Taylor 12 and Anthony Tolliver 11 for Charlotte, which ended a two-game skid.

Jeff Green led Boston with 19 points and Jordan Crawford had 16 points and six assists.

Both teams were without key big men. Celtics forward Jared Sullinger was out with a bruised right knee and Bobcats forward Josh McRoberts missed the game for personal reasons. He's expected to play Friday night in Cleveland.

It was Bobcats coach Steve Clifford's second game back after two stints were placed in his heart last week.

Magic 94, Bucks 91

In Orlando, Florida, Arron Afflalo scored a career-high 36 points and Nikola Vucevic added 17 points and 11 rebounds, as Orlando rallied to beat Milwaukee and snap a three-game skid.

Afflalo was 8 of 11 from beyond the arc, adding six assists and eight rebounds. Maurice Harkless and Victor Oladipo had 10 points apiece for the Magic.

O.J. Mayo scored 25 points for the Bucks, losers of three straight. Caron Butler added 20 and Khris Middleton had 19. Butler injured his left shoulder with just over two minutes left and didn't return to the game.

Afflalo scored 29 points in the second half, including 11 straight for the Magic in the fourth quarter. He ended the game with an assist to Vucevic with 9.2 seconds to play that gave Orlando a 94-91 lead. Afflalo then stole the ball from Mayo as the Bucks scrambled to attempt a game-tying 3-pointer.

Clippers 111, Thunder 103

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin

had 22 points and 12 rebounds after being involved in a first-half scuffle that resulted in two ejections, sparking the Los Angeles Clippers to a victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Serge Ibaka of the Thunder and Matt Barnes of the Clippers were ejected, and Griffin received a technical foul for his part in the altercation with 6 seconds left in the second quarter.

Kevin Durant had 33 points, making 15 of 17 free throws, and 10 assists to lead the Thunder, who had won four straight. Russell Westbrook added 19 points and 10 assists. Jamal Crawford scored 20 points off the bench for the Clippers, who had six players in double figures while winning their third in a row. DeAndre Jordan and J.J. Redick scored 15 each, and Chris Paul had 14 points and 16 assists.

Kings 107, Nets 86
In Sacramento, Calif., Marcus Thornton scored a season-high 24 points after losing his starting spot to rookie Ben McLemore, and Sacramento snapped a five-

game losing streak by beating Brooklyn.

Greivis Vasquez had 17 points and 12 assists, and Isaiah Thomas added 19 points, six assists and six rebounds to help the Kings blow out Brooklyn. Sacramento led by 18 points in the second quarter and 23 late in the third before holding off a brief Brooklyn rally in the fourth.

Brook Lopez had 16 points and nine rebounds, and Deron Williams finished with 13 points and seven assists as the Nets lost their third straight game.

Jazz 111, Pelicans 105

In Salt Lake City, Gordon Hayward had 27 points and 10 assists, and Richard Jefferson added 22 points to help Utah claim its first victory of the season.

Hayward scored 22 points in the second half and the Jazz erased a 16-point deficit to put an end to their worst start in 39 years.

Derrick Favors made a key layup with 24 seconds remaining and Jefferson added three free throws in the final minute to

clinch the victory.

When Marvin Williams hit a 3-pointer to make it 104-100, Jazz fans leapt to their feet and the Utah reserves bounced around and high-fived like college players in a postseason tournament.

Anthony Davis had 29 points and 15 rebounds for the Pelicans, who dropped all three games on their Western road swing.

Nuggets 111, Lakers 99

In Denver, Timofey Mozgov matched his career high with 23 points, and Denver beat Los Angeles to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

First-year Nuggets coach Brian Shaw, who was part of five championship teams with the Lakers as a player and assistant coach, beat Los Angeles in his first matchup against his former team.

Kenneth Faried added 21 points and Ty Lawson had 19 for the Nuggets, who won their fourth straight against the Lakers, their longest winning streak against Los Angeles since 1994.

Pau Gasol led the Lakers with 25 points.

Trail Blazers 90, Suns 89

In Portland, Ore., Damian Lillard hit a layup with 6.5 seconds left to give Portland a victory over Phoenix.

The Suns led by as many nine in the second half before the Trail Blazers rallied. Wesley Matthews made a 3-pointer and Robin Lopez tipped in a shot to put Portland in front 88-87 with 1:35 left.

Miles Plumlee's layup gave Phoenix the lead again, but Eric Bledsoe missed a shot with 11.9 seconds remaining. Lillard drove to the hoop and scored, and Markieff Morris missed a chance at a tip-in for the Suns at the buzzer.

Lillard, last season's Rookie of the Year, finished with 11 points and eight assists in the Blazers' fourth straight win. Lopez had 13 points and 15 rebounds, while LaMarcus Aldridge had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Bledsoe scored 23 for the Suns, who defeated Portland in the season opener.

Dolphins case puts GM, coaching jobs in jeopardy

DAVIE, Fla. (AP)—Last month, Richie Incognito said severe repercussions would be warranted if the Miami Dolphins kept allowing sacks at such an alarming rate.

"Everybody should be fired," he said.

Nobody in Miami is talking about sacks anymore. Firings remain a distinct possibility for very different reasons.

The Dolphins' harassment scandal is threatening the season and job security, leaving the future of coach Joe Philbin, his assistants and general manager Jeff Ireland in doubt.

Tackle Jonathan Martin alleges he was harassed daily by

teammates, including Incognito, who has been suspended. While Martin is scheduled to meet with an NFL special investigator late this week, Dolphins owner Stephen Ross has formed two committees to study the team's locker room culture.

"Changes need to be made," Ross said at a news conference Monday. "We need to examine everything internally."

Someone in the organization will likely be designated the primary culprit for the scandal, and Ireland's the early front-runner. Ross said he had "total, utmost confidence" in Philbin but barely mentioned Ireland, who didn't

attend the news conference.

Philbin, who is 11-14 since joining the Dolphins last year, said he appreciated Ross' vote of confidence.

"The only way you succeed if there is support within the whole entire organization," the coach said. "It starts at the top."

Ireland, who rarely speaks publicly, didn't respond to a request for comment.

The findings of the NFL investigator could sway Ross' opinion, as could the final seven games and dwindling fan support. The Dolphins (4-5) have slumped after a 3-0 start, and on Monday they became the first

team to lose to Tampa Bay. Another half-empty stadium is likely Sunday when they play host to San Diego.

The intensity of media scrutiny abated a bit Wednesday. Some 60 reporters and cameramen filled the locker room after practice, but Philbin was asked only two questions about the scandal during his daily news conference.

He also was asked two questions about Ireland.

"Jeff and I have worked closely since the day I've gotten here," Philbin said. "The discipline of the team is in my hands. I'm in charge of that. But he has always been supportive."

Kershaw, Scherzer easily win Cy Young Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Clayton Kershaw has two Cy Young Awards by age 25 and one runner-up finish. He just posted baseball's lowest ERA in 13 years and became the third pitcher since 1900 to lead the majors in that category for three consecutive seasons.

Huge numbers.

Here's another one: \$300 million.

Scuttlebutt is, that's how much the Los Angeles Dodgers might be offering to keep him from becoming a free agent.

So when Kershaw was asked about a new contract Wednesday, his family and friends were ready. They walked right into the camera shot on MLB Network to engulf him with hugs and high-fives in a welcome interruption.

It was better run support than he often received from the Dodgers.

"That was perfect timing. I don't know how that happened, but it was great. I didn't have to answer the question," Kershaw said about an hour later on a conference call from his Dallas home.

"Not my doing. It was just coincidence."

Kershaw won the NL Cy Young Award for the second time in three seasons Wednesday, coming within one vote of a unanimous selection. Max Scherzer of the Detroit Tigers breezed to the American League prize, chosen first on 28 of 30 ballots.



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw watches as St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Adams walks to load the bases during the third inning of Game 6 of the National League baseball championship series Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, in St. Louis.

One year after he was runner-up to knuckleballer R.A. Dickey, Kershaw nearly shut out the competition.

The left-hander with the big-breaking curve received 29 of 30 first-place votes from members

of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Adam Wainwright of the St. Louis Cardinals was picked first on one ballot.

"It's just a whirlwind of emotions today," Kershaw

said. "Whether you expect to win or you don't, just to hear your name called, it does something to you. ... It really is pretty special and I definitely don't take that for granted."

Kershaw is eligible for free agency after next season. So if the Dodgers plan to keep him, it's probably going to cost them in a long-term deal.

"I do love L.A. I really think we can win there, too," Kershaw

said. "We'll just see what happens. It's kind of an open book right now."

Kershaw went 16-9 for the NL West champions this year and led the league with 232 strikeouts. His 1.83 ERA was the best in the majors since Pedro Martinez's 1.74 for Boston in 2000.

It's that sort of dominance that draws comparisons to another Los Angeles lefty: Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax.

"I think Sandy would agree, I'm just trying to be me," Kershaw said. "I'm not trying to live up to those expectations because I don't think anybody can."

"I don't want to disrespect his legacy."

Kershaw's win marked the record 11th time a Dodgers pitcher has won the Cy Young since the award was first presented in 1956.

Koufax, who won three times and remains pitching royalty, has developed a friendship with Kershaw.

"Congratulations to Clayton on a great year and a most deserving Cy Young honor," Koufax said in a statement. "This is the second of many more to come. He's got quite a future ahead of him."

Wainwright went 19-9 with a 2.94 ERA and finished behind Kershaw. Still looking for his first Cy Young Award, the St. Louis right-hander has been the runner-up twice.

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Docomo withstands Chinatown's rally to move on top

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Docomo Pacific gained a share of the top spot in Pool A of the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League after beating erstwhile division leader Chinatown, 71-63, last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Docomo improved to a 2-1 record to join Fong's Bakery at the No. 1 position in the team standings, while Chinatown dropped to a 3-2 slate for second place in the eight-squad field. Completing Pool A are Adobo (2-2), Saipan Ice & Water (2-2), Fliptop (1-2), Kixx Engine Oil (1-3), and NMI Contractor (1-3).

The Chinatown-Docomo tiff was played in the second game with the latter wasting

its double-digit lead at the break before withstanding the former's second-half rally to nail the 9-point win. Docomo built a 14-point advantage at halftime, 35-21, after holding Chinatown to 6 points in the second canto. Before its struggle in the second period, Chinatown was even ahead of

Docomo, 15-13, after Rodney Sacramento closed out the first frame with 4 straight points.

Chinatown, which had only one field goal in the second quarter, then mounted a comeback in the thirds, firing 32 points against only the 23 of Docomo to move within 5, 53-58. Justin Zapanta anchored the rally, scoring 13 points in the third.

In the fourth quarter, both teams struggled, but Docomo hung in there after getting timely baskets from Rolly



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Docomo Pacific's Rolly Paraiso goes up for an off-balance shot against Chinatown's Pete Lizama, right, and Dixon Kwon during the second quarter of their Pool A game in the DL Corp. caging last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

CNMI vs Guam in youth gridiron exhibition tomorrow

The Commonwealth Football League Association will be hosting an exhibition youth tackle football game between the CNMI and Guam at the CPA Airport Field tomorrow, Nov. 16.

The featured game will pit the CNMI's Eastern Lightning midget/warrior (12-14 years old) team versus a Guam All-Star midget/matua team.

This will begin after a preliminary game between a CNMI flag football team (6-8 years old) from Saipan versus

a team from Guam. All games are scheduled to begin at 11am on Saturday and should end by 4pm.

This will be the first official youth football games to be played on Saipan since 2002. These games are a complement to the controlled scrimmage held this past Saturday, Nov. 9, at the same field which had the three teams on island—Southern Thunder, Northern Saints, and Eastern Lightning—play against each other.

Teack tops SGA October Ace

Jung Eun Teack is the Saipan Golf Association October Ace of the Month after shooting a net score of 73 last Oct. 27 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort east course.

Ed Sablan actually shot the month's best net score with his 69. However, since he already won last January, SGA awarded first place for October to the runner-up who happened to be Teack.

Teack and Norman Tenorio finished with identical net scores of 73, but the former edged the latter in a scorecard tiebreak.

With his victory in last

month's Ace of the Month tourney, Jung now joins early qualifiers Sablan (January), James Whang (February), Steve Balakrishna (March), Ray Dela Cruz (April), Nick Sablan (May), John "Nani" Cruz (June), Ray San Nicolas (July), Greg Sablan (August), and Rick Kautz (September) to SGA's season-ending Ace of Aces tournament.

In the closest to the pin competition, Frank Castro was without peer in hole No. 4, while Steve Balakrishna topped hole No. 6. Norman Tenorio and Frances Sablan claimed victories in holes No. 11 and 15, respectively.

first half with his goal in the 39th, while Perez opened the second half with two straight goals (53rd and 55th minute) before Noetzel got his second in the 70th.

Tan Holdings made it back-to-back wins, as it edged MP United last Sunday. Perez starred in the victory with his pair of goals, while Zhi Peng Lin drilled the lone goal for MP United.

Inter Godfather's 7, Matansa 2

In the second game last Sunday, Inter Godfather's walloped Matansa.

The exhibition game against Guam precedes the CFLA youth football season kick-off, which will take place on Nov. 23, 2013. The season kick-off will feature the Southern Thunder taking on the Northern Saints 1pm at the CPA Airport Field on the 23rd.

For more information about schedules or how your child can participate, visit the CFLA's website at www.cnmifootball.com or e-mail us at cnmifootball@gmail.com. (*Saipan Tribune*)

In the longest drive, Juan "Pan" Guerrero got the prize with his giant swing in hole No. 2, while Jung Eun Teack outdistanced everyone in hole No. 10.

SGA's November Ace of the Month is set this Sunday, Nov. 17, at Kingfisher Golf Links. Show time is at 9am and tee time is at 10am.

The club also announced that its December Ace of the Month and Turkey Shoot is scheduled on Nov. 23 at the Marianas Country Club. The Ace of Aces is scheduled on Dec. 14 and 15. The golf courses and details of the aforementioned tournaments will be announced later. (*Saipan Tribune*)

After a precarious 2-1 lead in the first half, Inter Godfather's pulled away in the second with Chris Nelson scoring two goals and getting help from his three other teammates. Earlier in the first half, Ryu Tanzawa hit the board with his goal in the fifth minute, while Bruce Berline nailed the other goal two minutes later.

Bir Tamang gave Matansa its lone goal in the first half (32nd minute) and the team answered with only one goal in the second against two from Nelson and one each from Shunji Nagayasu, David Duenas, and Berline.

Paraiso and Jimmy Tudela, who finished with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Island Floral 92, I Love Saipan 75

In the Pool B match, Island Floral whipped I Love Saipan to remain unbeaten in four games and keep the division lead.

Island Floral took charge early in the game, posting a 24-13 advantage after the first canto and foiled I Love Saipan's repeated comeback bids in the second and third before going all out in the fourth en route to the 17-point win.

Alex Standish scored 9 points in the opening canto

to give Island Floral a good start. However, I Love Saipan got back into the game behind the successive baskets of Mike Olaitiman, cutting the deficit to 5 at halftime, 38-43. Olaitiman finished the first half with 29 points and added 10 more in the third, as I Love Saipan remained in contention, 69-72.

Ahead by only 3 with still one full quarter to go, Island Floral banked on Jun Tabora in the payoff canto to thwart Olaitiman and company. Tabora, who nailed only 6 points after three quarters, sizzled for 14 in the fourth period to keep Island Floral's clean record.

First Game

Island Floral 92 – Tabora

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their P.E. classes.

"For two weeks we brought our P.E. classes to the Marpi pool to allow our students to practice their events. This practice is good for our students who are not members of SSC or Tsunami Saipan, as they get the feel of the water first and have an opportunity to work on their strokes before competing. We're very happy and proud of the students' active participation in this event," Epley said.

With a strong support from its students, Whispering Palms got 54 points in the relay races. The foursome of Cho, Villagomez, Jinie Thompson, and Kaden Church gave the Terns their first 18 points after topping the U10 mixed freestyle relay. Also gaining 18 points each were the quartets of Mister, Gregoire, Jin Ju Thompson and Ryu, who joined the U10 mixed medley relay, and Lai, Hartig, Domi-

nic, and Steven Goodwin, who participated in the 11 to 12 mixed freestyle relay.

In the individual races, WPS received 7 points in the girls U10 50m butterfly after Jasmin Frink and Cho finished third and eighth in this event, while in the boys U10 50 freestyle, fourth finisher Ryu and seventh placer Park added 7 and 2 points, respectively.

In the 10 to 14 50m freestyle, Hartig and Lai notched 6 and 5 points for coming in at third and fifth, while Steven Goodwin and Dominic also had the same finish in the boys race. In other freestyle swims, Park and Blake collected 4 and 2 points after placing fifth and seventh in the boys U10 50m freestyle, while Steven Goodwin and Jin Ju Thomson were awarded 9 and 8 points in the boys 11 to 12 and girls U10 100m freestyle.

In the 50m breaststroke, Ryu and Max Church added 5 more points off their fourth and eighth place finishes

20, Teregeyo 16, Bisana 15, Standish 14, Norita 7, Jugos 6, Tobias 5, Santos 2, Kaipat 2.

I Love Saipan 75 – Olaitiman 42, Ruluked 15, Manglona 8, Mendoza 6, Lontoc 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-13, 43-38, 72-69, 92-75.

Second Game

Docomo Pacific 71 – Paraiso 13, Ji. Tudela 12, Camacho 10, Villacrusis 6, Gomez 5, Sanciango 4, Montes 4, Sison 2, Jo. Tudela 2, Reeves 2.

Chinatown Saints 63 – Zapanta 17, Iglecias 12. Sacramento 12, Kwon 9, Lizama 8, Quizon 4.

Scoring by quarters: 13-15, 35-21, 58-53, 71-63.

in the boys U10 age group, while Hartig got 9 points in the girls 11 to 12 division. In another sprint event—the 50m backstroke—Gregoire and Jinie Thompson earned 6 and 5 points after coming in at third and fourth in the girls U10 age group, while Mister chipped in 4 for finishing fifth in the boys U10 division.

Meanwhile, other elementary schools that joined the tournament over the weekend were Saipan Community School (87 points), San Vicente Elementary School (27), Saipan International School (23), Agape Christian School (22), Seventh Day Adventist (21), Grace Christian Academy (18), Mt. Carmel School (18), Koblerville (18), Brilliant Star (12), Eucon International (8), and San Antonio (1).

Besides the elementary school competition, SSC also held events for junior high and high school and results will be reported in the *Saipan Tribune* next week.

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cording 169, 180, and 182, but knocked down only 178 pinfalls in Game 1, giving Mersai a 29-pinfall cushion. Omechelang, who took the lead in last Sunday's tournament with her 643 pinfalls, came up with only 661 pinfalls in Day 2 and dropped to fourth. Diane Chong brought Omechelang down to fourth, as the former also returned for the Monday roll-off and collected 677 pinfalls (173, 158, 144, and 202). Bowlers are allowed to compete on both days, but only the higher score is counted.

Mersai made it to the opening day of the November tournament, but was ranked only third with her 637 pinfalls. She tried again in Day 2 and this time ended her drought. Excluding this month's competition, Mersai had been to SBA's six monthly tournaments and had her best finish in June when she

placed second to winner Yho Villavicencio, who dominated the first two monthly roll-offs.

The three-time winner also joined the November tournament, but finished only eighth after earning 630 pinfalls last Monday. Villavicencio was behind Cora Muna (640) and Tess Fabie (631), while Elena Soll (629), Marie Candado (580), and Myrna Santos (578) rounded out the participants in this month's roll-offs.

Meanwhile, in the King of the Lanes, Percy Omechelang got his second win this season. Omechelang, who first won in May, denied Robert Talavera his fourth victory after logging 845 pinfalls against the latter's 839.

Talavera posted at least 200 pinfalls in all four games (217, 200, 201, and 221), but failed to take the victory from Omechelang, who gained enough of a cushion in Game 1 to frustrate the former. Omechelang caught fire early with his 235

pinfalls before recording 203, 214, and 193 in the last three games. His performance in Day 2 of the tournament was a big turnaround from Day 1, as he finished ninth and last in the opener.

Raymond Angeles joined Omechelang and Talavera in the Top 3 after posting 784 pinfalls (172, 178, 235, and 199). Other bowlers who competed the King of the Lanes November roll-offs were Lito Teodoro (751), Raymond Zapanta (748), Ariel Dumapit (722), Yong Woon Lee (720), Ramir De Leon (709), Raphael Zapanta (704), Johnny Fabian (700), Ador Dimaano (699), Edward Baluyan (697), Bernard Paraiso (697), Alex Castro (693), Edgar Abalos (683), Arnel Ibarreta (658), Ronald Batac (656), Rusty Musca (628), Ruselle Zapanta (620), Jorge Soledad (606), Benjie Cruz (591), Roger De Guzman (582), Tito Corpuz (539), Jae Yong Kim (531), and Joe Etpison (422).

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Tan Holdings FC 6, Shirley's FC 0

In other results last week, Tan Holdings FC also shut out Shirley's FC.

Sean Perez and Johann Noetzel logged two goals apiece for Tan Holdings, which drew one goal each from Joe Miller and Ruselle Zapanta.

Miller warmed up Tan Holdings FC's offense with his goal in the 20th minute, while Noetzel gave the team its second goal nine minutes later. Zapanta also made it to the board in the

Armatech avenges loss to D&Q Degree

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Armatech/MDX got even with D&E Degree after coasting to a 108-76 win in their second round encounter in the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters Division Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

With the win, Armatech, which bowed to D&E Degree during the league opener in September, 56-70, forced a tie for third place with the latter behind Laguna/Erika's Catering (4-2) and the undefeated and division leader Blue Haus (6-0). Pacific Islands Club and Shakir Realty, which have similar 1-5 slates, rounded out the team standings.

Armatech broke the back of the depleted Degree crew in the second quarter to set up the lopsided victory. Degree, which played with only seven players, was still in the game at the end of the first canto, facing only a 4-point deficit, 13-17, when Armatech went jugular in the next frame, unloading 32 points against. Bruce Berline and Elmer Pineda scored 6 points apiece in the second-canto assault, while Armatech drew at least 4 points each from four other players to take a 49-33 halftime edge.

The defending champion went on to retain the double-digit spread in the second half, as the best that the shorthanded De-



Armaterch/MDX's Sonny Ebuen looks for a way to escape the defense of Degree's Ferdie Tobias, left, and Ariel Drilon during the third quarter of their game in the UFO Masters caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

gree could do was move within 10, 56-66, midway in the third period. A 9-2 windup widened Armaterch's distance, 77-60, with George Poquiz drilling the team's last 5 points in that quarter.

Pineda picked up where Poquiz left off in the fourth, nailing 6 of Armaterch's opening 8 points and it was just time before the defending champion got the sweet revenge against its first round tormentor.

The loss was Degree's third straight after a strong 3-0 start. It played without big man Ed Cosino, who could have neutralized if not prevented Berline from creating damage on D&Q's defense in the paint. Berline top-scored for Armaterch with his 20 points and lorded it over in the rebounds department. Three other Armaterch players finished in twin

digits with Bernard Montano and Pineda adding 16 apiece and Martin Moreno chipping in 13.

Ferdia Tobias paced Degree with his 20 points, while Ariel Jinang and Ferdie dela Torre contributed 17 and 11, respectively. Alex Ocampo, the top-scorer for Degree in its 3-0 start, was held to 6 quiet points, as he struggled against the pesky defense of Yosh Gabaldon.



Armaterch/MDX 108 – Berline 20, Montano 16, Pineda 16, Moreno 13, Poquiz 9, Gabaldon 8, Detera 8, Ebuen 5, Malasarte 4, Canedo 4.

D&Q Degree 76 – Tobias 20, Jinang 17, de la Torre 11, Drilon 7, Pablo 6, Ocampo 6, Rabago 3.

Scoring by quarters: 17-13, 49-33, 77-60, 108-76.

NMIFA to cap fall league with youth festival



A Tan Holdings FC player, right, battles a throng of Paire FC players for possession during last year's fall festival for the U8 age group at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will culminate the season of four age groups with the staging of the 2013 Fall Youth Festival this Saturday.

The festival for the U6, U8, and U10 divisions will be held at the Koblerville Elementary School Field, while the Hopwood Junior High School Field will host U12's events. The U8 festival will run from 8am to 2:30pm with teams divided into two pools and matches set for Field 1. Pool A has Kanoa FC, MP United 1, Paire FC 2, Shirley's FC, and Tinian Premier FC, while Paire 1, Tan Holdings FC, MP United 2, and Matansa are grouped in Pool B. Each match will be played in two 10-minute halves with a two-minute break.

Over at Field 2, the same game duration will be implemented for teams competing in the U10 division and the last game is set for 3:30pm. Squads are also divided into two groups with Kanoa, Paire 2, MP United 1, Tan Holdings 1, and Tinian Premier in Pool A and Shirley's,

Paire 2, Matansa, MP United 2, and Tan Holdings 2 entered in Pool B.

Once U8 and U10 teams are done with their games, players in the U6 will take the Koblerville pitch. Format and activities for the youngest age group will be announced later.

Over at the Hopwood pitch, U12 teams will play in two 15-minute halves. Matches will take place from 8am to 1:15pm and will be in a pool play format. Kanoa FC, Paire 2, MP United 1, Shirley's FC and Tan Holdings FC 1 will compete in Pool A, while Pool B has only

four teams in Paire 2, Matansa, Tan Holdings FC 2, and MP United 2.

Meanwhile, the competitive divisions (boys and girls U15) entered the final phase of their respective contests. In the girls U15, Matansa FC shut out MP United, 8-0, while Paire FC edged Shirley's FC, 2-1. In the boys U15, Matansa booked back-to-back wins, downing Paire FC in a make-up game, 5-2, on Nov. 2, and Shirley's FC, 6-1, last Monday. In the other match last Monday, the Tan Holdings FC-Paire FC tiff ended in a scoreless draw.

\$50K worth of hole-in-one prizes at CATH Golf Classic

The 18th Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic is sure to fulfill its promise of fun, extravagant raffle prizes and generous hole-in-one prize.

The hole-in-one prizes include a 2014 Hyundai Tucson, a 2014 Ford Fiesta, \$10,000 in cash, and an Explore Japan travel package.

Discover Shanghai travel package and Journey to Korea travel package, meanwhile, are just some of raffle prizes at stake during the awards banquet.

Hyatt Regency's signature fundraising event will be held tomorrow, Nov. 16, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. All proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation and other non-profit organizations.

The Triple J Motors has donated a 2014 Hyundai Tucson as one of the hole-in-one prizes and Hyatt Regency general manager Nick Nishikawa thanked the automobile dealership for the gesture.

"Triple J has been a consistent supporter of the Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic through the years. Triple J shows its full commitment to the Golf Classic and the causes it serves and we are grateful for the strong support we receive from them every year."

Joeten Motors, meanwhile, is giving away a 2014 Ford Fiesta as one of the hole-in-one prizes

for the tournament.

"Joeten Motors is happy to support the Club at The Hyatt Golf Classic and we look forward to a great tournament again this year," said Joeten Motors general manager Matt Deets.

Nishikawa commented, "We are grateful to this generous support that we have received from Joeten Motors and are looking forward to a fun day of golf."

Bank of Hawaii has also caught everyone's attention with its \$10,000 hole-in-one prizes.

"With this level of dedication and commitment toward this cause from the event partners and players, our hotel is even more enthused to invite players to join the event and the causes it represents," said Nishikawa.

He added that the Garapan landmark wants to send its special thanks and deepest gratitude to the leadership of Bank of Hawaii for the generous contributions toward the 18th Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic.

Nishikawa said Delta Airlines has also been a strong supporter of the Golf Classic's efforts to grant wishes to children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Delta Air Lines is proud to

support the Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic and the Make-A-Wish Foundation," said Chris Concepcion, Delta sales account executive.

Aside from the contribution and support from Delta Air Lines that include flights to Tokyo for two, the Golf Classic offers a travel package that will entice golf players to join the event.

Club at the Hyatt is announcing a package that includes a Delta flight to Japan and luxury hotel accommodations in Hyatt Hotels in Japan. The Explore Japan package includes Grand Hyatt Fukuoka, Hyatt Regency Tokyo, Hyatt Regency Osaka, and a sumptuous meal at Roppongi Hills Club.

For the first time, the event organizers are excited to announce the Discover Shanghai travel package, courtesy of Top Development Inc. and Hyatt Hotels in Shanghai, China. Alongside the many generous prizes and delicious food the hotel is known for, the event is excited to offer a world-class package that includes flights and hotel accommodations.

"Our hotel is thankful to industry partners and our Hyatt sister hotels that helped in putting together such a wonderful package and supporting a Make-A-Wish child," said Ni-

shikawa.

The package includes stays in Hyatt on the Bund, Grand Hyatt Shanghai, Park Hyatt Shanghai and Andaz Shanghai. Alongside the luxury Hyatt accommodations, the travel package include flights to Shanghai, China for two persons.

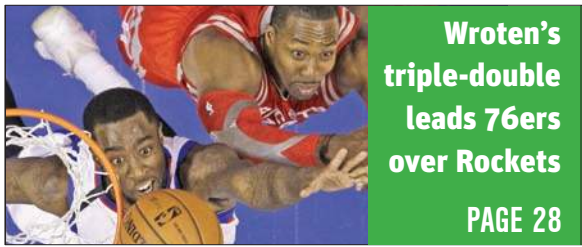
Another exciting raffle offered is the "Journey to Korea" travel package, which includes a flight to South Korea for one person and lavish hotel accommodations. For the first time this year, the event organizers encourage both amateur and professional golf players to grab the chance to win this exciting raffle prize during the banquet event at the hotel.

"The banquet event is complimentary for registered players and \$35 for non-golf playing guests. The guests will be treated to a night of delicious food and very generous raffle prizes," said food and beverage director Tyrell Pauling.

The hotel wants to express its deepest thanks to Asiana Airlines who has generously provided a flight ticket to South Korea or anywhere worldwide except the United States.

The "Journey to Korea" includes a flight ticket and hotel accommodations valid at Park Hyatt Seoul, Grand Hyatt Seoul and Hyatt Regency Incheon. *(Saipan Tribune)*





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WPS swimmers extend reign



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Whispering Palms School moved a win away from a decade-long domination in Saipan Swim Club's All Schools Swimming Championships after bagging the elementary school division crown for the ninth straight time.

The Terns extended their winning run in the 20th edition of the annual tournament after collecting 172 points and beating Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School and William S. Reyes Elementary School, which earned 155 and 112, respectively. Points awarded to schools were based on how their swimmers finished in the various races held last Friday and Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. Whispering Palms drew points from Su Bin Cho, Jon Villagomez, Jinie and Jin Ju Thompson, Kaden and Max Church, Sam Ryu, Eugene Park, Shea Hartig, Sally Lai, Steven Goodwin, Dominic Zedde, Marie Gregoire, Mylan Goodwin, Jasmin and Erin Frin, and Blake Mister. Rob Epley coached WPS in last weekend's competition and attributed the school's continued success in the SSC-organized tournament to the inclusion of practice swims in



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Jin Ju Thompson does the butterfly leg for Whispering Palms' U10 mixed medley relay race in the 20th SSC All Schools Swimming Championships last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

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Paire FC whips Sun Palace FC Mersai finally tops monthly roll-offs

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Paire FC earned the most lopsided win in last week's M-League after crushing Sun Palace FC, 8-0, last Thursday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Trey Dunn led Paire's demolition of Sun Palace, as he made a hat-trick, while Robbie Greene and Mason Fruit added two goals apiece, and Ajani Burrell contributed one.

Greene got his goals in back-to-back fashion, as he lit up the scoreboard in the 13th minute and scored anew in the 31st. Paire went on to close the first half with a 4-0 advantage, as Dunn recorded his first goal in the 35th and Fruit nailed also his first three minutes later.

Then in the second half, Dunn completed the hat-trick quickly, as he got his second and third goal in the 64th and 66th minute. Burrell kept it going for Paire FC with his goal in the 68th, while Fruit finished off Sun Palace with his second goal in the 75th.

After coasting to victory



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Paire FC's Mason Fruit tries to save the ball from going out of the sideline during an earlier game in the M-League last month at the Oleai Sports Complex.

against Sun Palace, Paire FC played its second game of the week and settled for a draw against Kanoa FC last Sunday.

Dunn nailed the lone goal for Paire FC, putting the team on top with his goal in the 28th. Kanoa then equalized four min-

utes before the first half ended with Yoshi Mafnas finding the back of the net.

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November winners Kathy Mersai and Percy Omechelang pose for a photo during the brief awards ceremony for the SBA Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament last Monday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

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Kathy Mersai's search for the elusive victory this season ended last Monday after she ruled the Saipan Bowling Association's Budweiser Queen of the Lanes Tournament for November at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Mersai collected 703 pinfalls in four games to beat the 699 of Ron Cal and foil the latter's bid

for back-to-back monthly wins. A 207-pinfall performance in Game 1 boosted Mersai's attempt to prevail in the monthly tournament and though she slowed down in the last three games (160, 181, and 155), she still finished on top after getting a good lead from Cal and overtaking Day 1 leader Gloria Omechelang from the No. 1 spot.

Cal played better than Mersai in the last three games after re-

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